Festival starts Thursday

A display from the McMichael Collection at Kleinburg, Ont., will be one of many interesting displays at this year's Celebrate Canada Festival which starts on Thursday. Main centre of the festival will be the Simcoe-Merritt-Lundy-Tecumseh complex. Official opening ceremonies take place at 10 a.m. in the Hamilton Room with Laura Sabia as the keynote speaker. For a Celebrate Canada display of stories see pages 8 and 9.

Tops in sports action

Niagara College's badminton, curling and basketball teams provide hair-raising action for fans in games at home and away. While attendance at some games is low, the teams are none-the-less determined to put forth their best to try to bring Niagara to the top of the scoring charts in every sport. For complete sports coverage this week, see pages 14 and 15.

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Don't miss Flora

External Affairs Minister Flora MacDonald will speak in the college library on Feb. 14 at 2.30 p.m. She was originally scheduled to appear in the cafeteria.

Be our Valentine!

Pyramid of People

First and second-year social services students hope some pyramid power will aid in their preparation of a promotional package for a workshop on understanding stages and conflicts of adolescence to be held March 6 at Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Thorold. The photograph here may be included in a booklet for the workshop. (Photo by Benner)

Student speaks out

Concern runs high over Manpower move

By TIM BYNG
Staff Writer

A second level academic upgrading student is disturbed by Niagara College's plan to move 80 per cent of its Manpower-sponsored programs to Welland Vale, saying it will "short-change people who want to do something with their lives."

In a letter to the Niagara News, the student, who asked not to be named, said "many students may drop out because of this move."

The student, a resident of Port Colborne, said that her academic upgrading course has given her a better understanding of life as well as an education.

Academic upgrading is now being taught at both the Welland campus and the Welland Vale Centre, but effective April 1, the course will be offered only at Welland Vale.

Thus, the student will have to be bused to the Welland Vale Centre daily. "This is our last chance at upgrading," she said. "Isn't helping people what this school is really about?"

The student said she recently found herself in a rut because she couldn't think for herself "or read anything and be able to understand it."

She had hated school as far back as she could remember, and just didn't care about school work. "In school I had to be the centre of attraction; school work was the last thing on my mind."

COULDN'T UNDERSTAND

"But I would get some kind of letter in the mail, try to read and understand it and if I couldn't I'd throw it in the garbage."

The student said she had attended Grade 7 but had failed. She didn't want to return to school, even though her family suggested she do so, because "I have always had a resentment towards teachers."

But she said her family told her to put her past resentment behind her and consider the fact that returning to school would improve her outlook on life and her future.

On June 5, 1979, she enrolled in academic upgrading level 1. "I was using a Grade 3 math book and Grade 4 speller," she said. "Now I'm doing Grade 7 and 8 math and English."

"I can finally see myself improving—I can actually think for myself. To me this improvement is the best thing that has ever happened to me."

VERY PROUD

The student said she's "very proud" of what she has accomplished in a short time and that to leave an established group of teachers whom she trusts and understands would be "a serious setback at this time."

"The school has given me some self-confidence. The teachers are very understanding and they try to help those who want help."

She said she couldn't even fill out her unemployment card or apply for a job before attending academic upgrading, because "you had to fill out applications and I couldn't do it very well."

Combe comments

There are 35 pupils in the English as a Second Language [EASL] class in Niagara Falls, Donald Combe, teacher of the class, said.

Mr. Combe telephoned the Niagara News this week to comment on a story in the Feb. 4 edition about moving most Manpower-sponsored programs to Welland Vale, which described the class as small. He said he did not consider 35 to be a small class.

Celebrate Canada Festival has something for everyone

By PETER BENNER
Staff Writer

The fourth annual Celebrate Canada Festival Feb. 14-16 promises to be the best yet, says festival convener Gail Hilyer.

"The festival grows each year, but I think this is the best overall program we've had" she said, "and the program committee worked very hard."

There is something here for everyone, Ms. Hilyer said.

The number of participants and performers is in excess of 700, and the number of people working behind the scenes to organize the festival is countless, she said.

"Just to get this off the ground, we needed 125 volunteers to fill the committees."

SEVERAL FIRSTS

There are several festival firsts this year. The Welland Vale campus is participating in the festival for the first time, both by holding several events at its St. Catharines location and by helping in the organization of activities at the main campus, she said.

Many more students are involved in the three-day promotion of Canadian unity than last year.

Some courses are using their participation in the festival as practical lab work, she said.

There is more community awareness of the festival this year. The volume of requests for programs and information has risen and people who have attended previous festivals realize the college offers more than just the academic world. It generates warmth and hospitality, Ms. Hilyer said.

Recognition of the college's role in drawing Canadians together has extended all over the country.

Ms. Hilyer said she has received letters from eight provincial premiers expressing their interest and appreciation of the festival.

MACDONALD VISIT

"Flora MacDonald's (Canada's minister of external affairs) visit is also a tremendous compliment to the festival."

"One thing I'm fascinated with is the number of portfolios we've received from performing groups asking to be invited to the festival. Before we had to search them out."

Ms. Hilyer said the dates for the 1981 festival have already been approved. They are Feb. 12-14 and occur on the same days as this year's festival.

Seven Niagara graduates spoke at the IEEE's Industry Night Jan. 31. From left to right, Al Nairismagi, Wayne Sonnenberg, Greg Ostryhon, Mark Millar, Jay Collins, Terry Lindey, and John Wiltshire.

(Photo by Keech)

'Sink or swim'

A word from the wise

Topics ranging from re-training, a sink-or-swim attitude and good resumes were discussed by seven speakers at the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) members' Industry Night Jan. 31.

Last year's IEEE chairman Glen Ostryhon, an employee of Xerox, St. Catharines, said his first month on the job was "slack." He spent a lot of time digesting documentation, but was later sent to Washington for five weeks of training on company machines.

"Some guys have been there 14 years and are still being trained. You don't go more than 1½ years without being trained."

He pointed out to a full crowd in the Black Walnut building staff lounge that his company "is interested in how much electronic and mechanical knowledge you have. If you are not good in both, you can pretty well forget it."

Advancements after completing "tech 1 to 4" are either becoming a technology specialist and being trained on all machines or becoming a field manager and writing up personnel reviews.

Mark Millar's job as a contractor at Blenkhorn and Sawle, St. Catharines, did not involve other retraining. He said it was either "sink or swim." It wasn't that hard to learn how to make estimates and proposals "once you do it."

Anything a placement officer or agency can do to help students get a job is a bonus, Terry Lindey, of Blenkhorn and Sawle, said.

VERY COMPETITIVE

"I don't believe that it's a good or bad year for jobs. It's very competitive but the jobs are there. You have to go out and get them."

He said he went to companies, asked for applications and who to direct them to. "A lot of companies won't take the time to reply. You have to go back."

One man who hired Terry told him he wouldn't have if he had gone through an agency because of the commission the agent would get.

It is important to take any job at first. "A lot of companies want you with experience,' he said. "Spend a few bucks on your resume and make it look really presentable."

An IBM employee of Hamilton, Al Nairismagi, warned students "the school work is gone but the work never stops. If you think you work hard now, you've got trouble. It's a jungle out there."

His advice to first year students, the year he said he found the hardest, was just to "stick it out." He, too, was sent for six more weeks of training in Toronto on keypunches.

WILLING TO MOVE

"You can't get a company to change for you, you've got to be ready to move--change for the company," Wayne Sonnenberg of the St. Catharines Post Office said.

His job is fixing automotive machines, like the postal code machine. He said he is making 85 per cent more than when he started in industry. He has been in St. Catharines for 1½ years, was in Toronto for one year, and worked for Ontario Hydro for a while.

John Wiltshire, an undergraduate who works at Montreal Consultants, St. Catharines, advised students to "keep all of your textbooks and notes. A good manual set is important."

The last speaker, Gerald (Jay) Collins, who works at Volker-Craig in Waterloo, offered the advice of sending technical reports with resumes.

"It was that that got me in the door" to his job, he said. "They wanted a guy with three years experience."

"If you want an interesting job, stick with small companies," he said. They have a bigger turnover of machines whereas larger campanies have machines which are "unfortunately ancient. The overhead in equipment maintenance costs as much as replacing it."

Informative TV in college lounges

A television system in the the college's lounges, costing an estimated $8,000 may be installed in Niagara College to help convey information to students, Jim Walters, Student Administrative Council (SAC) president, said.

If the system is purchased, SAC will pay the cost of the central typewriter unit called a character generator, and installing wires to the televisions throughout the school.

The college owns 30 black and white television sets which are just "standing idle," Jim said.

Messages typed on the character generator will be seen on television sets placed in main lobbies and the cafeteria, John Balenovich, SAC athletics vice presidents, said.

Although plans are tentative, "it looks good," John said.

Information about meeting, clubs, sports and social events can be conveyed to students with a TV print-out.

After A.S. Aboud, director of student services, suggested it, SAC and the administration has been working together on the plans.

At Tuesday's SAC meeting Ed Manning, third-year computer technology, said the TV sets are old and maintenance costs would be high if they were used all day.

"We will certainly have to look into all that before we decide," Jim said. "We haven't committed ourselves."

John Gora, first-year law and security, said the system worked well at Mohawk, while Sue Mingle, first-year retail management, said a similar system at Seneca College "worked out quite well."

The system could help to increase attendance at sports events, "which is very poor," John Balenovich said.

Graduate comes back, receives technical award

Gerald Jay Collins, 1974 graduate in electronics, received an award for the best technical report of his 1979 graduating class. It was given at Industry Night Jan. 31.

Frank Ciccarelli, chairman of chemical, electrical and electronics division, school of technology, presented Jay with a plaque and a $50 cheque.

The technical report was on a micro processor base which Jay said he had to build. 'I had to prototype it and prove it worked" when the technical reports were reviewed last year.

"Each year we select the three best technical reports and send them to the Hamilton section of IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers)," Mr. Ciccarelli said. It evaluates them and lets the instructors know which of the three is the best.

Jay, who is now working at Volker-Craig in Waterloo, spoke to technology students about his job and offered advice to future graduates.

In one of his resumes, he said, "I sent my technical report and it was that that got me in the door to a job."

Industry knows Niagara

Niagara College's name "is going around" in industry. Four of seven speakers at the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers' Industry Night Jan. 31 have other graduates working with them.

Al Nairismagi, who works for IBM in Hamilton, said he has been in a lot of offices and the college's name is curculating not only in Hamilton but in Toronto.

"It is a good reflection on the college," he said. "They have heard about Niagara College putting out good grads."

One of the four working with graduates is Greg Ostryhon of Xerox, St. Catharines, who said they have "four Niagara College grads and three of them are technicians."

The St. Catharines Post Office has "six tech people, five from Niagara." Hiring for the post office is done in Toronto, grad speaker Wayne Sonnenberg said. Some companies would not think of hiring from other colleges.

Mark Millar who works in a group of about 15 at Blenkhorn and Sawle, St. Catharines, said six of them are Niagara grads. The last of the four, Terry Lindey, also works at Blenkhorn.

Some of the main topics for Industry Night involved the speakers' views of their first jobs, being trained on company machines and advice for job hunting.

2nd Literary Contest

The second Niagara College Literary Contest, open to all full-time and part-time students, will be held this term.

The contest is divided into two categories - fiction and non-fiction. Fiction submissions may be made under the following sub-categories: poetry, short stories, plays and radio and TV scripts. Non-fiction submissions may be essays, scientific reports, surveys and investigative reports.

Maximum length for any submission should not exceed 10 typewritten pages, double spaced.

Submissions will be initially examined for their literary value by a team of judges. The best selections will be further examined by a different team of judges to decide on winners. Most of the judges will be members of the College faculty; some will be drawn from outside. Decisions of the judges will be final.

Depending on the quality of the work, as many as six submissions may be entitled to receive "Honourable Mention."

Submissions should be made on or before Friday, March 21. Late submissions will not be accepted. Submissions should be delivered or addressed to the Secretaries of the Schools of Aplied Arts, Health Sciences, Technology, and Retraining.

Please attach to your submission on a separate sheet your name, address, student number, telephone number and the title of your submission.

Your submission will be given to the judges along with your student number. Your names will be concealed to protect your identity. No student can present more than one submission. Winners will be announced in the last Winter edition of the Niagara News.

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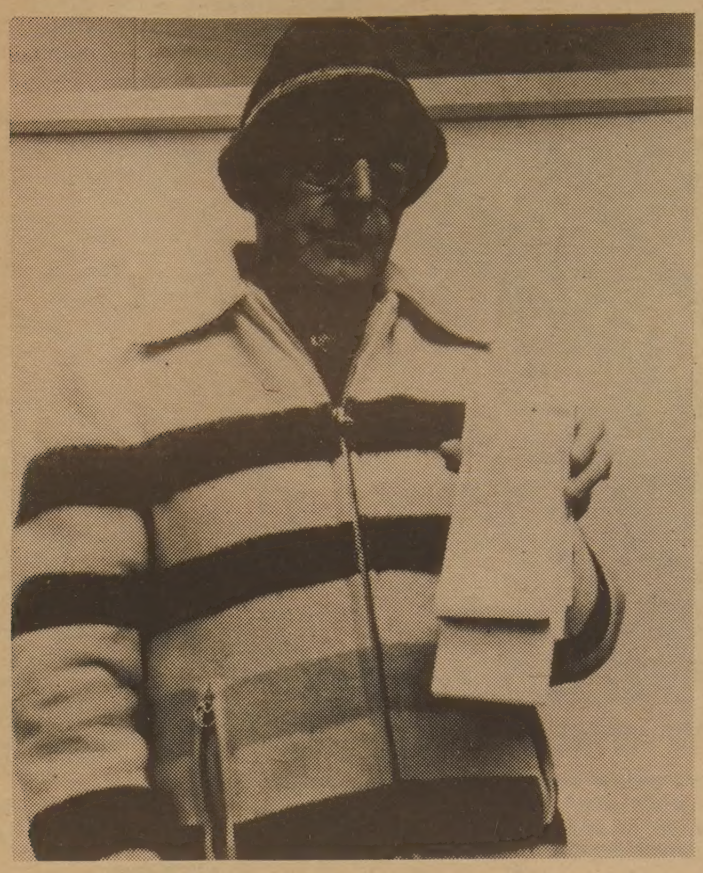

Ron Jeffery has something in store for you... (Photo by Byng)

By TIM BYNG
Staff Writer

Continual abuse of Niagara's parking facilities by students leaving their cars in no parking zones has prompted Ron Jeffery, bylaw enforcement officer, to voice his frustration over the situation.

"Where there's a sign that says 'No Parking,' it means just that," Mr. Jeffery said. "It's my job to give violators tickets and they'll get one whether they like it or not."

No parking areas being abused by students and, in some cases by faculty as well, include Lot E, the new parking lot, sticker parking, the underpass near the maintenance area and the gravel lane leading to the rear of the Simcoe building.

Mr. Jeffery said the prime reason for no parking regulations is to "keep driveways and fire-lanes open and to keep traffic moving. They also eliminate danger."

The basic reason people park in these no parking areas is laziness, he said. Lot E and the new lot are "always filled by 10.15 p.m."

However, there are always people arriving late, and they are just too lazy to park in Lots A or B "which are always running at one-third to one-half empty."

ALL JAMMED IN

"But there they are, all jammed on the other side in the new lot or Lot E, just because it's closer to their bulding," he said. "The problem is there are a lot of people who just get up late and can't find an authorized parking space near their building, so they park in a no parking area."

Mr. Jeffery said there are more than 2,000 authorized parking spaces on campus, yet students will still come to him and say there's no place to park.

"Sure, there's no place to park in Lot E or in the new lot. But if they would just check Lot A or B, they would see that there are a lot of spaces — it's just that these lots are farther away and they have to walk."

"These students are physically fit and they can walk; it's just that they're lazy," he said. "They should be glad they still have their faculties and can still walk, unlike many elderly people."

Some mornings, it's "just bloody silly the way some people act." Most people who continually violated the no parking regulations are not strangers but "regulars who know the regulations."

Mr. Jeffery said he's particularly concerned with cars parking on the grass and overcrowding the new lot. "There are signs all the way along that say 'No Parking,' and I just don't know why they keep on doing it."

"I honestly think some people believe the signs don't refer to them personally. But you can't just put a parking space beside everybody's doorstep, that's for sure."

Parking lots lie empty...

while they park on the grass....

but he got them in the end.

(Photos by Shafer)

The parking regulations come under Bylaw 5686, he said, which governs all parking on Niagara's main campus. There is also a sign at the entrance to the college telling drivers parking is permitted in designated areas only.

"I know that students can't afford to continually pay for parking violations, but if they'd only park correctly," he said.

"The main thing I can't understand is why they can't walk a little bit from parking lot A or B to their classes."

The students see the no parking signs "but ignore them. They can't say there aren't enough signs because there's one on each side of the driveway."

Mr. Jeffery said he usually tickets at least six cars illegally parked in the driveways of Lot E and the new lot every day.

"It's like a chain reaction," he said. "If one person parks his car in a no parking zone, usually three or four others will also park there."

The gravel lane leading to the rear is a fire lane, and this driveway is also an area of major concern since it has been abused by students as well.

"Students are always parking in the driveway of the new lot, and some even park directly under the no parking signs," Mr. Jeffery said.

New tickets from the Welland police department are now being issued by Mr. Jeffery, and the fine is $3, but "it would cost them $10 if they did the same thing in downtown Welland."

"It just doesn't make any sense," he said.

Youth, labor force subject of conference

A one-day conference on youth and work will be held Feb. 28 at the Beacon Motor Inn, Jordan, during Niagara's fifth annual labor-management conference.

The college's institute of labor and labor-management studies is presenting the conference in co-operation with the Ontario ministry of labor.

Both labor and management are involved as patrons of the conference: Robert Balcombe, St. Lawrence Seaway Authority personnel manager, and Ted Jones, Welland and district labor council president.

Conference speakers will include Dr. Hans van Beinum and Jean Read of the Ontario ministry of labor; Ben Gillespie, speaking for youth; Mary Eady, Canadian Labor Congress, and S. K. Learie, QC, representing management.

A registration fee of $20, including lunch, will be charged. For further information contact the labor institute at Niagara College.

Topic shelved

The issue of students being allowed representation on community college Boards of Governors was not raised at the Jan. 24 meeting of the college's board.

Eleanor Lancaster, chairman of the board for 1980, said the topic may be discussed at a conference for boards and presidents of community colleges.

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Orderlies graduate

Niagara College's hospital orderly program, located in Niagara Falls, had a "very simple, but nice, graduation" in which six people graduated, all with jobs, Wilhelmina Ostrander, program co-ordinator, said.

About 60 people were on hand for the ceremonies held Feb. 1 in the lounge of the nurses' quarters of the Greater Niagara General Hospital.

The graduates were: Dale Carson, Frank Daly, Pat McGratton, David Phelps, Claude Villneff and Hugh Saul.

Frank Daly was the valedictorian.

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EDITORIALS

Prisons need reform

The recent tragedy at the New Mexico State Prison where about 50 prisoners were killed and scores violently wounded by fellow prisoners during a two-day riot warrants a re-examination of our prison system today. Tales of torture, mutilation and murder in a wave of inner prison crime among the 1,000 convicts shocked the public with the brutality of life behind bars.

Pent up frustration, pessimism and hatred are a natural part of the unhealthy atmosphere these prisoners spend years of their life exposed to. Time and lives are wasted cultivating further social resentment and planning future schemes against the innocent public, or in the Mexico case, even murder against each other.

Many criminals consider themselves "professionals" at their livelihood, and for many it's a grim truth. Their career of crime has lasted over a span of years, often since childhood, with each term in prison serving as an opportunity to upgrade crime techniques.

Prisons become a school for learning new tricks of crime, exchanging ideas, cultivating prison friendships and contacts, upon which the criminal mentality feeds and develops.

Even if the ex-convict tries to reform himself when released from prison, he is shunned by society as untrustworthy and a work risk. The label of criminal or ex-con is not easily lost. Before long the "ex-convict" finds refuge and acceptance among his old prison pals, and the cycle of crime continues.

In light of these factors, it might better serve the public if the principle of restitution were established in prison reform. Under this method, criminals would be organized and supervised in programs of community service, repairing damage they or others have done. The length of their work term would depend on the seriousness of the crime.

Naturally this system of restitution would only be applicable for summary conviction cases and not indictable offences like murder or rape. For these, prisons seem to be the only solution.But even if it included only the less serious crimes, many young people in their formative years could be rehabilitated before their associations among the criminal forces set the pattern of their lifestyle, before they were deceived that the life of crime is a life of excitement.

Within our present prison system there is an inherent irony. The victim who suffered damage and loss in the first place is the same person who must pay further expenses to house the criminal. It costs the taxpayer thousands of dollars for each prisoner each year to keep that person behind bars. The question arises, why aren't the prisoners working to compensate the victim directly?

Some towns have applied this principle of restitution in their local prison system. The energy of each prisoner is directed into constructing community projects and performing maintenance that benefits the area inhabitants.

Restitution may be a partial answer, but real prison reform occurs on an individual basis when people have a genuine change of heart — when they finally understand who they are and what they can be with God's help!

Brenda Stokes

Winter beauty

Trees stretch their gnarled fingers across the icy shore of Lake Ontario during one of the colder days this winter. This scenic view can be found in the historic town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.
(Photo by Bulanda)

Move unpopular?

Much has been said of late about Niagara's plan to move 80 per cent of its Manpower-sponsored programs to the Welland Vale Centre, effective April 1. There appears to be much dissension over this move.

Three weeks ago the college president, Jacqueline Robarts, announced the move, saying it would be made to consolidate Niagara College's limited resources by housing similar small classes now being held simultaneously in Welland, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls, in the same building. After such a move, they would all be taught in one place.

But shortly after the announcement was made, Niagara Falls Mayor Wayne Thomson opposed the move because it involved the transfer of an English as a Second Language (EASL) course from the Niagara Falls Public Library to Welland Vale. He said it would have a financial effect on the library (which would lose its lease with the college), and would mean additional costs in busing students to Welland Vale.

In the last edition of the News, Miss Robarts said the move was designed to meet the needs of the region, not just of one city, and, although she felt sympathetic towards Niagara Falls, she hoped that they will realize the college is trying to do the best it can with a limited number of resources.

Having observed and reported these events from a neutral position, I realize that both sides have presented comprehensive arguments and have supported their arguments with good, solid reasoning. It is like a battle in which there is no enemy.

It can only be hoped that a logical solution which appeals to both sides can be reached without hurt feelings, a loss of a substantial amount of money to either side, or the loss of a valuable education to any Niagara College student.

Tim Byng

Listen closely

Counselling services are offering a five-part study skills workshop, to help students develop better study techniques.

Co-ordinated by counsellor Dorothy Bartram, the sessions began last Tuesday, Feb. 5, in counselling services.

The first topic was Listening, and it helped students learn to listen effectively.

The second workshop, held last Thursday, was designed to help students manage their time.

Other topics will be: a reading workshop Feb. 12, to give techniques for seeking out important details; note-taking, Feb. 14; and on Feb. 19, the final session, exam taking.

Letters welcome

Niagara News welcomes letters from concerned readers to be printed on the editorial pages of subsequent editions.

We reserve the right to select and edit all letters appearing in the paper.

Everything's coming up roses...

By BRENDA STOKES
Staff Writer

A little boy shyly pushes a hand-picked bouquet of spring flowers into his mother's open arms. The stems are now limp and a few petals are missing from their long journey home in his tight grip, but their sweet fragrance still lingers. Whether they are from a meadow, or more regretfully, the neighbor's prize garden, are of little importance at this moment. Their inherent message of love and caring is unspoken but universal--"you're someone special to me."

A teenage boy fumbles nervously as his fingers awkwardly try to pin the delicate orchid corsage on his girl friend's dress. Hours later she will work feverishly to preserve this same corsage by pressing or freezing in an effort to capture the evening's events forever.

A dozen long stem roses are still perched on her bedstand. A smile creeps to her face as she recalls her graduation day. Their presence is a reminder of her parents' proud smiles of approval, a memory now etched on her mind.

Whatever the reason, occasion or time of year, flowers have played a special role in people's lives. What girl hasn't once plucked the petals from a daisy whispering: "He loves me — he loves me not," always careful to pluck the desired combination to end on the most-wanted response.

With Valentine's Day fast approaching, the flower business will be booming. While to wives, mothers and girl friends around the world they signify love and romance, each flower does have an actual historical or legendary meaning.

The lilac symbolizes awakening love; the honeysuckly, bonds of love; the daisy, innocence and beauty; the chrysanthemum, slighted affections; the daffodil, chivalry; the tulip, declaration of love; the zinnia, thoughts in absence; and satirically bachelor's buttons mean single-blessedness.

Next to diamonds, roses would traditionally be called a girl's best friend. Available in a spectrum of colors, their velvety petals unfold slowly from a bud to full bloom.

The rose is said to mean blushing beauty, quite appropriate considering blushing and a quick "For me?" is the radiant response afforded most suitors.

The rose was said to be the favorite flower of Venus, the goddess of beauty. Formerly white, the rose changed its color to red when Venus, in haste to assist her dying lover, pierced her foot with a thorn and some of her blood fell on the rose petals.

Attar, the fragrant oil extracted from rose petals, is so concentrated that only a drop of its perfume need be worn. To secure an ounce of attar required the sacrifice of nearly half a million roses, justifying its expense.

White roses, signifying secrecy, derived their meaning from the traditional practice of draping rose clusters from the ceiling at Roman entertainment nights as a token that anything said there was not to be divulged. The Roman god of matrimony, Hymen, was also said to have worn a garland of roses in his hair.

The explosion of color hidden amid clusters of leaves make petunias a favorite garden flower for hardiness and beauty. It means to keep your promises.

Florists have been intrigued by the curious and beautiful flower of the orchid, its strange manner of growth and individual appearance. An expensive class of tropical plan, the orchid relies on air for sustenance rather than on root nourishment.

Not all the flower meanings speak of romance for some have peculiar associations dating back to the myths of jealousy between gods. But even their harsh meanings don't diminish the vibrancy of thier colors. Marigolds signify cruelty; the snap-dragon, presumtion; the carnation, contempt, and the buttercup, distrust.

Remembering that each flower signifies a special though all its own, the next bouquet you send or receive will have a message often sweeter than the fragrance of the flowers!.

College chef's work 'lifetime profession'

By LISA KIRCHMAYER
Staff Writer

Dominic Diodati, certified chef and instructor at the college Rainbow Centre, is well able to prepare the finest of delicacies.

And it is natural to assume that like all the great chefs, he would indulge only in the choicest prepared foods.

But, despite his lifetime profession, he considers himself a "meat, potatoes and vegetable man" and says "the less sauce the better!"

Though he is to be 60 on his next birthday, Mr. Diodati appears to be no more than in his early 50s.

tember, 1972, he is known in the area for his exceptional culinary talents.

Began as child

Mr. Diodati first began cooking as a child when he was often left to cook for his brothers and sisters while his mother worked in the canning factory.

As the oldest of nine children, "I had to prepare lunch and dinner."

During the depression "there was not too much" to cook or eat, so he prepared "easy types" of foods for his brothers and sisters — "like a good pot of stew or soup."

As a man who has always enjoyed cooking, even to this day at home, Mr. Diodati was first exposed to the food preparation business when he was 13 years old.

It was not an easy load cleaning kitchens part-time while attending school and helping out at home, Mr. Diodati said.

One time executive chef for over 20 years with the Sheraton Foxhead and Brock hotels, Mr. Diodati recalled his first full-time chef's position.

As the youngest in the business, he had to work very long and hard hours.

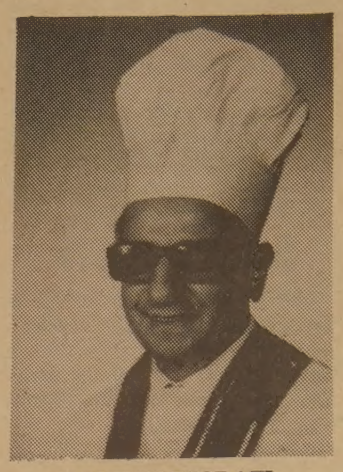
"I worked seven days a week at $3 a week," Mr. Diodati said. "Three dollars then would buy $25 today. One pound of butter would only cost 20 to 25 cents."

Cooked in army

Now a member of the Escoffier Club, the Canadian Food Service Executives, a world-wide professional organization and the Chaine de Rotisseurs du Canada, Mr. Diodati also spent 4½ years as a cook in the officers' quarters at the Canadian Armed Forces base in Camp Borden, Ont.

"I had cooking experience, and after I finished my training they placed me in the officers' quarters," Mr. Diodati said.

Mr. Diodati said there was a big difference between working



DOMINIC DIODATI

in the army and working in the hotel business.

In the army Mr. Diodati worked 10 hours a day for two weeks.

"You could hardly wait until you could get out," Mr. Diodati said. Weekend passes were only given out every other weekend.

A graduate of Cornell University's four-year human ecology program which Mr. Diodati completed in two years, he also spent several years in the United States as food manager for the Lewiston Porter Central School System.

It was his responsibility to make sure that food was prepared for all the schools in that system. American educational settings provide students with kindergarten to senior high in separate buildings, but all in one location. Each building had its own cafeteria.

"It was my responsibility to see that the hot food was served hot and the cold food got cold."

At college 7 yrs.

As an active man who teaches college day classes and who has taught additional evening gourmet classes twice a week for the past seven years, Mr. Diodati had to give up his evening lectures recently.

Though his health is once again stable, Mr. Diodati suffered a heart attack last year. Upon his physician's advice, he must now take life a little more slowly.

But going more slowly does not seem to bother Mr. Diodati. He continues to enjoy a good game of golf just for the "fresh air and exercise" — though he would not discuss his handicap.

This past Christmas he gave his wife a fine rest and prepared the Christmas dinner for his two sons, one daughter, their husbands and wives, and four grandchildren.

And while most people are turning over in their beds for the final hour of sleep, Mr. Diodati is up early and at work by 5:30 a.m., firing up the ovens and preparing the school's kitchen for the day's classes.

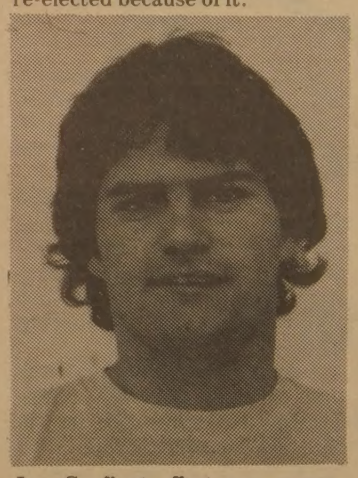
Roving Reporter

By BRENDA STOKES
and JOANNE BULANDA
Staff Writers

In view of Canada's recent involvement in the escape of six American officials from Tehran, Canada's role in the international arena has been a major news issue. Niagara College students were asked to comment on their response to Canada's involvement in Iran and if or how they feel it will affect the upcoming federal election.

M. Masotei, Up-grading course: I'm proud of Canada but they did it at the wrong time. It will affect the election for the benefit of Clark.

Frazer Mihalicx, first-year chemical technology: I think it's all right. We should help the United States because they help us a lot. I don't think Clark will be re-elected because of it.



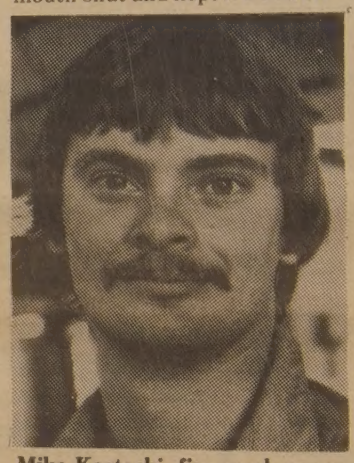
Joe Confiant, first-year manufacturing engineering: I don't really care, and I'm not really interested. There's nothing to get really worried about.

Marianne Hofstede, second-year general business accounting: I think it was good, but they spoke up about it too soon. They publicized it too soon. They should have waited until the rest of the people escaped from Tehran. It will help the elections in some ways and change some people's minds, but I don't think it will be that influential.

Rick Fortuna, first-year business administration: It was good because it makes Canadians proud — it brings back pride in the country. No, it will not affect the election results because the Liberals are too far ahead anyway.

Charlene Rooney, first-year secretarial arts: I don't feel they should have got involved with that; they were on good terms with Tehran, I thought, and the States could have taken care of it themselves. Probably it will affect the elections; it will get people involved and concerned about voting.

Kathy Wasylowich, first-year tourism: I think it was fantastic. I think the U.S. billboards make us look good to the world. Canada would have done it anyway but by putting all the billboards up it looks like we surprised the U.S. I think there will be a turnabout in the election. Joe has come up because everyone thought he was wishy-washy, but he kept his mouth shut and kept it a secret.



Mike Kostecki, five week supervisors and management course with General Motors: I think it's fantastic for Canada to have the opportunity to help the States. As far as the election, it will definitely affect the election results.

Sarah Watson, first-year graphic arts: I'm glad they helped out with it and I'm glad to be a part of the country that helped. I think it will affect the election and be beneficial to Clark. It will help him a lot more with the election than before.

Oooops!

The Niagara News incorrectly identified Canada's ambasador to Iran in its last edition. The ambassador's name is Kenneth Taylor. The News regrets the error.

Students have tour: Canadian cultural field trip

By AMY DELAPLANTE
Staff Writer

From the floor-to-ceiling windows of the Canadian McMichael Art gallery one can observe a minute portion of the natural beauty of Canada. And on the walls of the gallery are many "windows" through which Canadian artists have portrayed other aspects of Canadian grandeur.

The Canadian McMichael Collection is situated in the Humber Valley area, just north of Toronto. Thirty-two students and four instructors from Niagara College toured the collection in Kleinburg Feb. 5.

Among the works of art at the gallery are paintings and sketches by Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven, Emily Carr, Clarence Gagnon and other Canadian artist, as well as art forms from various Canadian Indian tribes.

Tom Thompson did much of his painting in a log cabin in the Toronto area. The structure has been relocated at the McMichael collection and contains some of his sketches.

Four of the group are buried on the grounds of the gallery. Large natural rocks with their names mark the graves.

Besides the permanent works at the gallery, a temporary collection of cartography was on display, which included an original map by Samuel de Champlain.

The Indian galleries contained Inuit carvings of soapstone, ivory and whalebone, paintings and ink prints. The process of making ink prints was elaborated on by a tour guide.

An artist makes the original design, which is then transferred to a block of stone by a carver, who is usually a man, as the carving is too difficult for a woman's wrist. A third person then inks the stone and prints it on canvas, paper or another surface, and stencil in other colors. The stone is destroyed after a limited number of prints is made.

Other works from different northern Canadian Indian tribes included carved masks and totem poles (called house-posts), sketches and paintings.

The construction of the gallery building is in keeping with the naturalness of the Canadian art within. The walls are panelled with Douglas fir and pine; floors, benches and other furniture are wooden.

The group enjoyed lunch in the McMichael dining room overlooking the picturesque Humber Valley.

CUSO creates interest in developing countries

By JOANNE DELEEUW
Staff Writer

I shall never forget my first glimpse of Jamaica. Away from the terminal into the hot humid air of summer, past the harbor and a machete-wielding vendor selling water coconuts from his wheeled wooden cart. Loose herds of goats feeding amongs the paper and trash of the roadside. Dilapidated store fronts. Poverty. Stench...

Judith DoFoo's account of her first impression of the Caribbean is far from the dollar-damaged accounts by northern visitors; but then, the 27-year-old teacher isn't a tourist — she's a CUSO (Canadian University Service Organization) volunteer.

CUSO co-ordinator for the Niagara region, Carole Lee, held a recruitment session at the college Jan. 31, to stir interest in the organization which participates in the development of approximately 40 developing nations in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and the South Pacific.

Only five students attended the meeting held in Lundy 3, but in spite of the low turnout, "We have planted a seed," James Nicholas, sociology instructor and Niagara College CUSO representative, said.

Most of the serious inquiries come as often from word-of-mouth as recruitment meetings, but to place 12 people, the organization must have three times that number of applications, and must reach hundreds more through literature, Miss Lee said.

Offers assistance

CUSO offers assistance by providing qualified and skilled workers in response to specific requests from various nations, which play host to the workers. The organization was more university-oriented in 1961 when it began, but now there is a great need for technical and trade skills, such as tool and die makers and machinists.

With the programs "designed to self-destruct," teachers are the major assets of CUSO, and many technical personnel work to teach their trades to the local population, Miss Lee said.

Though she didn't want to narrow one skill out as being more in demand, she did say it is difficult to place people it technical fields because they are so in demand in Canada right now. "If people are settled, they're not willing to give it up."

In some areas, experience is essential, such as nursing, where two years experience is needed before admittance to the program is considered.

Usually the applicants have been in the work force for a few years, and though the average age is 28, volunteers range between 21 and 55 years of age.

While men still make up 60 per cent of the workers, "women are becoming a lot more interested in doing things" like overseas work, she said.

National placement hovers around 400 per year and though it varies at the Brock University CUSO chapter from year-to-year, "We like to place around 12," Miss Lee said.

CUSO volunteers

Niagara peninsula volunteers include a machinist in Tanzania, an agriculturalist and a textile chemist in Ghana, two science teachers in New Guinea, an electrician in Barbados, and two English teachers in Thailand and Nigeria.

Ron Wilson, former math instructor at the college, spent two years in Nigeria as a CUSO worker from 1974 to 1975, Mr. Nicholas said.

Miss Lee stressed "it takes a certain kind of personality" to enjoy working in a developing nation, and "I don't think everyone can go overseas."

It can be tremendously rewarding, but "I wouldn't recommend everyone." Miss Lee returned in October from a two-month stay in New Guinea where she visited CUSO people involved in "a whole range of skills and training."

Africa takes the largest share of volunteers, with the "lion's share" going to Nigeria and Ghana, she said.

"What has been described," announced the taped portion of slide show presentation at the meeting, "is the making of a people's technology."

CUSO workers impart their knowledge to help countries attain technical self-sufficiency by working on agricultural problems such as increasing low per acre yield, controlling insects, building wells, educating students, and teaching the population how to use modern equipment.

"Fortunately we have learned through the mistakes other organizations have made," that introducing new methods are not always the best, Miss Lee said.

Takes 6 months

With August one of the main placement times, it takes a six-month process of interviews, panel screening and personal reference examination to get from the application stage to the time an individual boards a plane to some distant corner of the world.

"Sometimes it can be quite dreadful" and "hard to adjust" to life in a developing nation, she said. "If you've just come back from Barbados and think it might be nice to teach a class on the beach, forget it...those days are gone."

There is "quite an extensive screening process to make sure people stay but "unforseen circumstances" account for a 30 per cent attrition rate.

Stay 2 years

Generally the length of stay is two years, and though a volunteer is "not bound to it," it's a "tremendous disappointment" and "leaves a void" if he doesn't stay, Miss Lee said.

CUSO is not a program to get rich in. Annual salaries, ranging from $2,500 to $4,000, paid by the host government, enable a worker to maintain a modest lifestyle, but they don't "live in a grass hut" either, she said.

"We can't expect people to live in unbearable conditions."

Most are able to buy a jeep to travel the countryside, and "some people even manage to save money."

The cost of living is quite low in most developing countries and CUSO encourages workers to spend their money on travel during their holiday time.

Working hours depend on the type of job, but most teachers go into eight to four jobs five days per week.

More information is available by writing: CUSO, Rm. 66A, Glendridge Building, Brock University, St. Catharines.

Carole Lee, Arlene Mete, a graduate of Brock, and James Nicholas answer questions about CUSO by Eric LaBrute and Dan Pooler. (Photo by deLeeuw)

Fall session successful, offer 'Law and You' again

Consumer rights: Obligations and the Effects of Elements of Duress is the first lecture in the school of business course The Law and You to begin March 6 at the Port Colborne Library.

Offered in Port Colborne for the first time last fall, the lectures are divided into four two-hour sessions.

Douglas Finch, chairman of the continuing education division for the school of business, said the fall session proved very successful; it is for this reason that the course is being offered again.

"The Law and You was so well received, that they (the library) asked us to do repeat sessions," Mr. Finch said.

Though not exactly a repeat of the last course, which discussed real estate, criminal law, landlord-tenant relations and wills and estates, the spring session will cover consumer rights, children's rights, wills and estates and tort law.

On March 13, children's rights and the new legal status of the child will be the topic of the evening.

The third session, financial compensation, to be held March 20, will discuss tort law as it pertains to injury to person or property.

The final session on March 27 will discuss wills and estates.

St. Catharines lawyer Alan McGarvie, who instructed the fall sessions, says he looks forward to leading the spring lectures and imagines the course to be once again "jammed."

Registration fee for the four sessions is $12.

Bilingual tourism program in planning stages for 1980

By JOANNE BULANDA
Staff Writer

A bilingual tourism program is being planned for 1980 which would provide bilingual graduates for attractions in the Niagara Region.

A meeting was held with the advisory committee of the tourism, tours and attractions program to discuss the requirements for the program and job opportunities for graduating students.

A decision was made to use the same advisory committee of the English tourism program for the bilingual program "since this committee is very much in favor of a bilingual program," Nicole Vigeant, administrator of French language services, said.

At the Jan. 29 meeting, they discussed student demand for the program, job opportunities for graduates and the availibility of instructural material. These things must be achieved before the Council of Regents approves the program.

A questionnaire they discussed will be sent to areas throughout the province to people involved in tourism. It will provide information about the existence of possible job opportunities.

English courses which will be taught to students of both programs will be combined, Mlle Vigeant said.

Approval for the program must come from the advisory committee, then the academic committee and then the Council of Regents.

Mlle Vigeant expects all of the information concerning the program to be collected by the end of February and final approval to be made by the end of March.

"We're aiming at 10 students in order to run the program," she said.

Richard Dixon, purchasing manager for Marineland and Game Farm and a member of the advisory committee, told of his search for a bilingual tour and attraction co-ordinator for the park. He had to advertise in the Montreal and Ottawa newpapers before he found someone.

"If we had that kind of program here, they would come to us to fill their job openings," Mlle Vigeant said.

Other members on the committee are from African Lion Safari, the Niagara Parks Commission and the ministry of industry and tourism.

Unlike the bilingual business program which will have French courses concentrated on general subjects in the first half, the bilingual tourism program will have French courses evenly distributed over the four terms.

'Etudiants' continuent leur cours de français

Les employés du Collège Niagara qui ont suivi un cours de français le semestre dernier ont continué leurs études ce semestre.

"Nous n'avons perdu aucun de nos 'étudiants' " a dit Nicole Vigeant, l'administratrice des services en language française.

"Les membres de la faculté ont sacrifié la moitié de leur heure de déjeuner ou une demi-heure le matin," a noté Mlle Vigeant.

"Je suis contente de la présence d'autant plus que janvier et février sont les périodes les plus occupées".

"Nous savons qu'il y a beaucoup de personnes qui veulent prendre le cours mais leurs horaires ne peuvent pas s'adapter au nôtre."

Elle veut continuer le projet l'année prochaine et faire un effort pour accommoder ceux qui ne prennent pas part au projet cette année.

Français I pour les débutants n'est pas donné ce semestre.

Il y a 12 personnes dans français II, sept personnes dans français III et huit personnes dans français IV.

"S'il y a assez d'argent, l'année prochaine nous pourrons ajouter des niveaux" a dit Mlle Vigeant.

Exchange applications ready

Application forms have been prepared for seven Niagara College people who have expressed an interest in an exchange program between Ontario and Quebec for second language study.

Nicole Vigeant, administrator of French language services, is busy preparing forms to submit to a committee made up of representatives from the ministry of colleges and universities and the Quebec ministry.

Five students from the bilingual secretary program, one student from law and security and Rosemary Kuhnigk, secretary to the dean of business, applied for the exchange. The students have applied to take part for one semester and Mrs. Kuhnigk has requested the last three weeks of May.

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, has approved the project and final approval must be made by the Ontario-Quebec Permanent Commission.

MAIN OBJECTIVE

Main objective of the commission is to encourage exchange between the two provinces. Although it is not necessary to balance the exchange on both sides, the commission recommends it.

Two thousand dollars is set aside for each person whose application is accepted by the committee. The money is part of

Mlle Vigeant said that in the cases of the students, the exchange may only be a one-way project since it is difficult to arrange a two-way exchange. It is a problem to try to match students who want to take part with a counterpart in the other province who is in the same type of course.

In the case of Mrs. Kuhnigk, an exchange partner has been arranged at Ste. Hyacinthe College. She will assist Francine Brodeur in the resource centre for three weeks. They will return together and Mme Brodeur will assist Mrs. Kuhnigk with her duties.

Le programme d'échange: les demandes sont prêtes

Les demandes sont prêtes pour sept personnes du Collège Niagara qui veulent prendre part au programme d'échange entre l'Ontario et le Québec pour l'étude de la langue seconde.

Nicole Vigeant, l'administratrice des services en langue française, est occupée à préparer les demandes à soumettre au comité qui est formé de représentants(tes) du ministère des collèges et universités et du ministère de l'éducation du Québec.

Cinq étudiantes du programme de secrétariat bilingue, un étudiant de loi et securité et Rosemary Kuhnigk, la secrétaire du doyen de l'école de commerce ont fait des demandes pour l'échange.

Les étudiants(tes) veulent étudier pour un semestre et Mme Kuhnigh a demandé les trois dernières semaines de mai.

Jacqueline Robarts, la présidente du collège, a approuvé le projet de Mme Kuhnigk, et devra approuver les autres avant que la Commission Permanente Ontario-Québec ne donne son approbation finale.

L'objectif principal de la commission est d'encourager l'échange entre les deux provinces. Il est recommendé par la commission que l'échange entre les provinces soit mutuel, mais ce n'est pas absolument nécessaire.

Pour chaque personne dont la demande est acceptée, $2,000 est réservé à travers le système fédéral de bourses pour l'étude de la langue.

Mlle Vigeant a dit que la plupart des échanges se font dans une direction seulement pour les étudiants(tes) parce qu'il est difficile d'organiser un échange dans les deux provinces.

Pour le projet de Mme Kuhnigk, une partenaire d'échange a été trouvée au Collège Ste. Hyacinthe.

Mme Kuhnigk aidera Francine Brodeur au centre de ressources du Collège Ste. Hyacinthe pendant trois semaines. Elles reviendront ensemble et Mme. Brodeur l'aidera à son tour.

Computer use 'down the road'

The use of computers will "somewhere down the road" be like reading and writing, Tom Honey, manager of Niagara College's computer centre said.

"Some colleges and universities in the states think you should have at least one computer course before you come out or you're illiterate."

Niagara College's computer centre has two resonsibilities to the college: administrative and academic.

"We provide most of the computer services to any student taking any computer-related course," he said.

His advice to students would be to take a course "regardless of what course you are in," he said. There are lots of opportunities in the school for these courses with electives and night school classes.

LIKE APPLIANCES

In a few year's time the computer will be used much like other household appliances, he said.

A number of instructors in business use computers to analyse business games and to "give students a feel for what is really happening in the marketing world."

On the administrative side, the centre supplies registration forms, grade reports, student records and six different payrolls to name a few.

Some instructors use the computers for academic tests and scoring, "some 400 to 500 a year."

McKay taking sabbatical leave

English instructor Craig Mc Kay has been granted a sabbatical leave starting this summer, Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said.

The sabbatical was approved in November, and Mr. McKay will be going to Quebec to study the French language, she said.

Programme bilingue pour tourisme?

Il y a eu une réunion du comité consultatif de tourisme le 29 janvier, pour discuter de l'établissement d'un programme bilingue en 1980 et, d'ici deux ans, les gradué(e)s bilingues pourraient se trouver un emploi dans la région du Niagara.

Il a été décidé que le comité du programme anglais s'occuperait aussi du programme bilingue "parce que ce comité approuve l'idée d'un programme bilingue" a dit Nicole Vigeant, l'administratrice des services en langue française.

Ils ont considéré les demandes des étudiants(tes), les possibilités d'emploi des gradué(e)s et les ressources pédagogiques disponibles.

Il faut que ces choses soient réglées avant que le Conseil des Régents approuve le programme.

Un questionnaire sera distribué dans toutes les régions de l'Ontario pour établir s'il existe des emplois pour les gradué(e)s bilingues.

Richard Dixon, un représentant de Marineland et Game Farm, a dit qu'il avait cherché un coordinateur bilingue de tours et attractions. Il a du passer des annonces dans les journaux de Montréal et d'Ottawa avant de trouver quelqu'un.

"Si nous avons ce programme, ils pourront venir chez nous," a dit Mlle Vigeant.

Certains membres du comité travaillent pour "African Lion Safari", "Niagara Parks Commission" et le ministère de l'industrie et du tourisme.

A l'inverse du programme bilingue de commerce qui aura une grande concentration des cours français en première année, les cours français du programme bilingue seront répartis sur les quatre semestres.

Les étudiants du programme bilingue suivront les cours en anglais avec les étudiants du programme régulier de tourisme.

Il faut que le programme soit approuvé par le comité consultatif, puis par le comité académique et finalement par le Conseil des Régents.

La date d'approbation finale devrait être vers la fin mars.

"Nous aimerions avoir un minimum de 10 étudiant(e)s pour commencer le programme" a dit Mlle Vigeant.

Vigeant: Didn't lose a 'student'

Niagara College employees who began a French development course last term have continued with their studies this term.

"We didn't lose one student," Nicole Vigeant, administrator of French language services, said.

The faculty and staff members involved are giving up half of their lunch hour or a half hour in the morning, Mlle Vigeant noted.

"I'm very pleased with the attendance even though January and February are busy periods."

"We know there are a lot of people who wanted to take the course this year but their schedules couldn't be adapted." She would like to continue the project next year and try to accommodate those people. The course was at a disadvantage this year since there was only one instructor.

Should it be offered again, attempts will be made to fill requests for the course by Welland Vale campus, Niagara Falls and the audio visual department of the college.

Level one of the program for those without any knowledge of French was dropped as the students advanced. Now there are 12 people in level two, seven people in French three and eight people in French four.

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Celebrate Canada Festival 1980

Festival film fest.

A Canadian film festival will feature the films of Canadian directors Allan King and Clay Borris on Wednesday, Feb. 13, and Thursday, Feb. 14, opening day of the Celebrate Canada Festival.

On Wednesday from 2 to 3.45 p.m., A Married Couple by Allan King will be screened in Room S211.

Who Has Seen the Wind by Allan King, and Paperboy and Rose's House by Clay Borris will be shown at 7 p.m. in the Hamilton Room.

On Thursday, Who Has Seen the Wind, based on the novel by W. O. Mitchell, will be shown in the Hamilton Room from 12.10 to 1.55 p.m.

Films by Mr. Borris, including Paperboy and Rose's House, will be shown from 2 to 3.45 p.m. in the Secord Room.

From 7 to 9 p.m. there will be a Canadian film seminar with both directors in the Secord Room. Following the seminar there will be a reception with a cash bar in the Tecumseh Lounge until 11 p.m. Beer and wine will be served.

Celebrate Canada with ethnic foods

Only eight of 30 different groups and organizations, churches and social clubs have shown their willingness to provide ethnic foods for the Celebrate Canada Festival Feb. 14-16.

The lack of interest is because the groups' objective is not making money, Narendra (Naren) Misra, chemical engineering instructor, said.

"They do it for love of doing it, not for money or economic gain."

Three major groups bringing food are Hungarian, Ukrainian and Italian, he said.

These groups come for a few hours on alternate days to provide lunch and coffee near the media services area in the Simcoe building.

"I only wish they could come and stay the duration of a day because some people who bring their artifacts and crafts are here nine and 10 hours a day," Naren said.

The Niagara Peninsula groups bring their food pre-cooked in large containers and "we provide electrical outlets to keep the food hot."

Naren represents the school of technology with Russ Sheppard and Carolyn Giganti, both from the school of business, on the Celebrate Canada committee looking after ethnic foods.

Turning 30 comedy show

Cheryl Cashman will present her comedy show, Turning Thirty, at the Niagara College Theatre Centre Feb. 14 and 15 at 8:30 p.m. as part of the Celebrate Canada Festival.

Ms. Cashman has been on tour with this show since last fall, and has played Centaur Theatre in Montreal and the National Arts Centre in Ottawa.

A versatile display of six totally different characters is presented in an entertaining way.

Tickets are $4 each. Additional information and reservations are available by contacting the Theatre Centre at 735-0550, or at ext. 409 or 471 of the following numbers: 735-2211, 688-1380, or 382-2383.

Artist Norval Morrisseau completes McMichael collection painting.

(Photo courtesy of the McMichael Collection)

Native paintings on display

Indian and Eskimo paintings and sculptures from the McMichael Collection will be on display at the college during the Celebrat Canada Festival.

The collection will consist of 14 to 18 Inuit paintings with title plates and four or five soap-stone sculptures that are not behind glass.

The Inuit prints and sculptures will be exhibited in the Resource Centre, while the McMichael Collection of woodland art and Eskimo prints will be on display at Welland Vale.

The college is getting the collection free of charge and the works will remain on display here for two weeks.

The Eskimo paintings and carvings display aspects of Eskimo paintings and carvings display aspects of Eskimo home life and record beliefs, legends, stories of true events, and animal forms.

The Woodland Indian Art works are vivid, colorful paintings, many of them traditional art forms which are still used today. Some of the paintings depict the legends and spirits these people knew.

Some of the Inuit prints being sent are stencils used in stone cutting.

Fashion history, harmful aspects traced at Cel Can

Two guest lecturers from the Ontario Science Centre will give a lecture-demonstration tracing some harmful aspects of fashion through history during the three days of the Celebrate Canada Festival.

Eight half-hour talks will be held each day, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Tina Jarvalt said she and Earl Sweeney would take turns between this show and their toxic houseplant talks. Miss Jarvalt is the centre's greenhouse supervisor and Mr. Sweeney is an electron microscopist interested in both topics.

Miss Jarvalt said the term "loose women" originated in the medieval days when most women wore corsets and it was considered the epitome of social status to wear one.

Any women seen without the tight-fitting undergarment in public would be labelled "loose women." Miss Jarvalt said the term has a different connotation today.

Some women even wore their corsets until they were eight months pregnant, she added.

The study of harmful fashion will date back from the ancient tradition of Chinese foot-binding to the stress put on the foot by the negative heel shoe, which she said eliminated the natural S-shaped curve in the foot.

A volunteer from the audience will be asked to volunteer to model clothes used in the demonstration, she said.

Miss Jarvalt and Mr. Sweeney are taking part in the festival through Festival Ontario, a provincial agency which supports community festivals like the one at Niagara College.

Jazz Band open concert

The Niagara College Jazz Band will perform an open concert for students and staff this evening in the Hamilton Room.

The concert, which is "sort of a dress rehearsal for the Celebrate Canada Festival," will start at 8 p.m., Laura Thomas, band leader, said.

Some of the songs played will be Blue Bird Land by Maynard Ferguson, Hayburner by Count Basie and a new chart learned by the band called Midnight Passage, she said.

Miss Thomas said there have been several recent additions to the band. Doug Willson, from Niagara Falls, is the new tenor saxophone player. A new alto saxophonist, Chris Jones, is from St. Catharines.

"Our old drummer, Dave Morellato, is now studying music at Mohawk. His replacement is Bob Secord from Welland," Miss Thomas said.

The band has been held together because the section leaders are still the same, she said.

The band will also play at the Celebrate Canada Festival on Thursday. Joe Calarco, who owns Joey's Pizzeria in Port Colborne, will lead a quintet jazz combo at the Welland Vale cafeteria at 12:15 p.m., Miss Thomas said.

TV Extravaganza

Live, from Niagara College

By TERRI NEUFELD
Staff Writer

Music, interviews, arts and crafts, and demonstrations are to be featured on the Celebrate Canada TV Extravaganza, a television program to be shown live from the college on Thursday Feb. 14.

The program, to be broadcast from 6 to 9 p.m., will feature celebrities, craftsmen and performers who will be participating in the festival.

"The program will be feeding live out of the college to Maclean-Hunter and Armstrong Cable companies," Keith Lindberg, media service manager, said. People from Fonthill, Welland, Port Colborne and Niagara Falls will be able to view the program on channel 12 and on channel 10 in Thorold and St. Catharines.

Producer Alan King, whose film, Who Has Seen the Wind, will be shown earlier in the day, will be on the show before appearing at a film seminar with producer Clay Borris.

"We'll also be talking to Mr. Borris about his films," Mr. Lindberg said.

FOLKSINGER, ANNOUNCER

Wiz Bryant, a young Canadian folksinger, will be performing three 10-minute sessions, and announcer Dave Hodge, from Hockey Night in Canada, will be appearing.

The broadcast is a media service production with about 20 radio and television (RTV) students assisting.

"There are a lot of people involved, from all different areas of the college," Mr. Lindberg said. "The whole crew consists of about 30 people, including the hosts. I'm very grateful for the assistance from the students, Uta Haley, Stu Black, Paul Davoud and Willard Wright."

Two locations will be used in the broadcast. Studio co-hosts will be Stewart Black, RTV instructor, and Uta Haley, college information secretary. Willard Wright, human relations instructor, will be interviewing people involved in the craft displays and entertainment from remote location by the bookstore.

Mr. Wright will be interviewing the bilingual guests too, Mr. Lindberg said.

College president Jacqueline Robarts will be "welcoming the people," he said, and Gail Hilyer, festival convener, will be on the show to "cover the whole picture."

Nicole Vigeant, administrator of French language services, will be on to discuss the English-French aspect of the college with respect to the community. Some of the program will be pre-taped to be shown in the evening.

Laura Sabia's opening ceremony speech will be pre-taped but Mr. Lindberg hopes she will be able to appear live too.

The Niagara College Jazz Band's performance to be taped earlier in the day, will be played and an interview with artist Barbara Astman, whose work will be displayed in the Hennepin Art Gallery, will be on to show her art, with a "voice-over," Mr. Lindberg said.

Ruth White, who will be conducting a seminar on Saturday Feb. 16, with children from the Welland recreation art classes will be on the show talking about and demonstrating children's art.

MANY GROUPS

"There are many multicultural groups we are hoping to have on," Mr. Lindberg said.

A performance by the Lyons Dance Troupe, a group from Thunder Bay which does traditional Ojibway dances, will be taped earlier in the afternoon and shown on the show later.

The Rainbow Tones, a ladies' barbershop singing group, will be on. Mr. Wright will be talking with Lise Lavall, a French folksinger, and the Roulf Roulant singers.

There will be a cross-country skiing demonstration and some models participating in the Canadiana Fashion Show will be on.

"Gail Noonan will be on to demonstrate mid-eastern dancing, better known as belly-dancing," Mr. Lindburg said.

Advertisments about the program will be put in the St. Catharines, Welland and Niagara Falls papers "probably the day before," and promotion on the cable stations will be intensified starting this week, Mr. Lindburg said.

The program will be shown again on Feb. 17 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Know your rights

Patients' Rights will be discussed by a panel of experts at one of two health science programs arranged for the Celebrate Canada Festival on Friday.

Those taking part in the discussion from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Secord Room, will be Ann Coy, chairman of the Patients' Rights Association; M. Paul Forestell, Welland lawyer; Janet Arnott, program co-ordinator of Medical Records program, and chairman of the Code of Practice Committee, Canadian Health Record Association, and Dr. Alexander, medical doctor.

A lecture on Activation--a philosophy of care and daily activity which is essential to the well-being of residents in extended-care facilities--will be given by Elaine Bailey, an activation consultant, with the ministry of health. This lecure will be in the Secord Room 1:30 to 4 p.m.

I love you, Canada

Cupid has made his presence known to the Niagara College Celebrate Canada Festival through the Send a Valentine to Canada contest which has attracted 100 entries from area schools. Gail Hilyer, festival convener, and Peter Benner of the Niagara News, display one of the entries made by Glen Reece and Wayne Pekrul of Queen Street School, Welland. All winning valentines will be displayed at the festival, after which all entries will be sent to the prime minister of Canada.

(Photo by Bulanda)

La Nostalgie

Famous French song program

Daniele Pascal, accomplished actress and singer, will present La Nostalgie, a program of famous French songs, at the Theatre Centre on Wednesday evening.

The program will include favorite songs of Piaf, Ferre, Brel, Aznavour and others.

Mlle Pascal performs in both English and French in concerts throughout Ontario and on radio and television.

Tickets are $4 and the performance begins at 8.30 p.m.

Few college land speculators invest in tiny centimetre plots

By HELEN CATES
Staff Writer

As the saying goes "Inch by inch it's a cinch," but when you're selling land centimetre by centimetre apparently it's not so cinchie.

Organizers of the Celebrate Canada Festival expect to make $1,500 profit on the sale of Niagara College square centimetres of property.

Only a very few land speculators have been investing in a tiny way — 68 to be exact. At least 1,400 tiny lots are still up for grabs.

Postage stamp lots are not a new idea to enterprising Canadians.

The Klondike Big Inch Land Co. purchased 19 acres of Yukon Territory near Dawson and divided it into 21 million square inch lots. The instigator of this gigantic-little give away was the Quaker Oats Co., who decided on the idea to boost its sagging cereal sales. How did they do it?

FREE GIFT

You've heard of "free gift inside of every specially marked box of cereal." Well, how about "free piece of dirt inside every box of Quaker Oats cereal?"

Actually, every box of cereal contained not an inch of dirt, but a deed to an inch of Yukon, specifically located within the 19 acres of land owned by the Klondike Big Inch Land Co.

One customer wrote in to say he had accumulated 10,800 lots, and was, therefore, entitled to 75 square feet of Yukon Territory. One can either assume he had a passion for cereal or had a lot of friends. The owner of the 10,800 lots did not seem to be bothered by the fact that his collection was of deeds for lots scattered throughout the 19 acres.

The promotors of Niagara College's have not been bothered by eccentric purchasers yet, although a rumour has it that one student attempted to fence his few centimetres of campus.

The Big Inch Co. apparently defaulted on the taxes for the 19 acres and in the '60s the Canadian government repossessed the 19 acres for nonpayment of $37.20 in back taxes.

Back taxes will not be a problem for anyone interested in purchasing one of Niagara College's miniature lots. Hurry to Hennepin Hall, Room H-2 or phone Linda Armbrust at 735-2211, 688-1380 or 384-2383, ext. 321, to become a Canadian land speculator in a tiny way.

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Student spends year in 'lands down under,' New Guinea proves most dangerous of all

By BRENDA STOKES
Staff Writer

"There was this bloke, driving his Holden when he had a prang. He got crook, ended up with a wog and had to knock off."

That's not English as we know it but rather Aussi English, a dialect prevalent in southern Australia. It's also one of the many adjustments Rena Rigg, second-year Niagara tourism student, had to make while spending the entire year of 1977 roaming the countryside of Australia, Tasmania, and New Guinea.

"Capital cities are the same everywhere, so if you want to see the interesting things you have to go off the beaten trail where some would never go," Rena said. It was this attitude that kept this daring traveller smiling when problems arose.

Australia can boast of a unique culture, native aborigines, coastline beaches and barren deserts all within its seven states. "Most people don't realize that Tasmania is part of Australia," Rena said.

Among its flora and fauna are a host of cuddly animals including koala bears, kangaroos, wombats quokki and a multitude of lizards (the symbol used on their coinage) all of which can be seen throughout the desert in their natural habitat or at government-organized game reserves.

While travelling across Australia's expansive territory, almost the diameter of Canada, Rena depended primarily on train and bus passes (Austrailpass). "It wasn't safe to hitchhike, too many people were killed," Rena said. "On the train I had first class cabins with great meals, they even delivered cookies and tea to the door each morning."

Explores desert

To explore the beauty of the desert a car is needed. "You never left your car because the blinding sun created mirages and you lost sight of your car even though it was within 15 feet away," Rena said. "In the desert you lose the ability to judge space and distance, because it's treeless, and there is nothing to make comparisons with."

The actual roads were very crude with little pavement to be found. "A grader cut a path through the desert to form a road base—no pavement was ever poured." The trick was to drive within the scrolled marks. While driving through the countryside it was not unusual to see the head of an aborigine peer over the shrubbery.

"Most of the cars are equipped with roo-bars to protect your engine if you hit kangaroos." The six or seven foot kangaroo figures of solid muscle would become transfixed by the headlights, and fail to move from the path of the approaching car.

"There wasn't one trip I was on where we didn't hit an animal," Rena explained. "When a mother was killed her joey was wrapped in a jumper-sweater, and he contentedly thought it was his mother's protective pouch."

Rena Rigg, second-year tourism student, is surrounded by her many treasures brought back from her adventures in Australia and New Guinea. (Photo by Stokes)

Cyclone hits

Three months of Rena's time was spent working in an opal mine at Coober Pedy, the opal capital of the world. "There were only two females among 4,000 men working in the mines."

While she was working in this mining town, a cyclone hit and retreated—all within 20 minutes, but not before leaving behind a trail of debris.

Darkness fell and torrents of rain flooded the mining community who reside primarily in dug-outs. "I lived above ground and the roof was ripped off the house I was in," Rena said.

The instant dust storms played havoc with your laundry, stung your eyes and tangled your hair. "Hide the mirrors and make-up in the desert," is Rena's advice to women. The desert is no place for vanity, it's a science just to keep clean.

Mammoth rock

Although the hot, dry desert temperatures often climbed to 140 degrees and the swarms of pesty flies are annoying, the desert has its own unique beauty. Amid the tall, twisted cacti scattered across the red soil of the wind-swept desert is a mammoth rock called Ayres Rock. At nightfall sunset hues bathe the majestic rock in beauty.

"Ayres was seven miles around its base and exhausting to climb," Rena said. "The hard part was climbing down its steep side; I had to resort to crawling when my legs gave out." The sides of the rock were marked by numerous plaques in memory of those adventurous souls who failed to overcome the challenge of reaching its heights.

Ocean dangers

The famous Great Barrier Reef provides an excellant opportunity to snorkle amongst the colorful coral formations and tropical sea life. "A clam, large enough to sit in, almost snapped closed on my flippers when I was snorkling," Rena said. Along the beach coves are shark nets, with an air patrol keeping constant vigil over the most popular beaches for the protection of the swimmers.

A trip along the winding roads of the rocky hillsides of Tasmania could be one of the most precarious scenic drives you'll ever take. "It took nine hours to travel 300 km along the hair-pin curves of the mountainous terrain," Rena said. Sheep and cattle graze contentedly along the roadsides, often obstructing traffic, requiring extra skill and patience in driving.

Always eager to try something different, Rena spent two weeks on a coffee plantation in Papua, New Guinea. "Two travel agencies wouldn't book me a flight there because it was too dangerous, but that just made me more determined to go," Rena said. "I would recommend to others, though, that women shouldn't travel there alone."

Rena stayed primarily in youth hotels to keep travel expenses to a minimun but in New Guinea, spent a few nights in a mission sleeping on a board. Food was never a problem with the abundance of native fruits, but in New Guinea "you don't eat the bananas raw, you cook them first."

New Guinea

New Guinea proved to be a wonderland of beauty and a storehouse of adventure. "We were awakened one night by the sound of chanting and spears pounding in the front yard," Rena described. "About 30 to 50 headhunter warriors in their complete headdress were asking for the return of two tribesmen working on the plantation. If we hadn't convinced them their tribesmen were alive, they would have killed us."

Events like this are typical for Rena, who was one of the passengers on the first Antarctic flight from South Australia in November, 1977. "There were explorers and officials on the day-long trip," Rena said. "The pilot kept telling us how many gallons of gas we were short from reaching the mainland safely.'

The annual national show of all the New Guinea tribes dressed in their native costumes is a camera-man's paradise. Beads, bones and shells hung around the necks of warriors whose bodies shone with pig grease. Garlands of feathers and sculptured ornaments were draped over the colorful costumes of the natives, their faces bright with warpaint. "They were everything they own and perform a series of tribal war dances," Rena said.

Keeping in mind that pigs are as valuable as money in the bank among the native tribes, Rena wasn't too surprised to see her driver jump out of the still-moving car in an attempt to catch a passing wild boar. Had he been successful he might have been able to make a down payment on a wife. "It's two pigs for a wife."

Anxious to pass on her enthusiasm for travelling to others, Rena enrolled in the tourism program at Niagara College.

"I wanted to get out with the people to share my experiences while guiding tours, not stay in an office," Rena said. "I organized and researched my own tours using travel books, especially the trip to New Guinea, so I've had practice planning an itinerary."

SAC assists handicapped

Sitting around bored tomorrow night? Then why not put your cards on the table in Las Vegas?

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) is sponsoring a Monte Carlo night Feb. 12 in the cafeteria to assist the college's handicapped students.

The event, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., will feature black-jack tables, crown and anchor, slot machine simulation games, raffles, pizza, beer and "lots of fun."

Members of SAC and "a few of our friends" working on a charity basis will work at the tables which will have betting limits, John said. The rules of each of the games will be posed, and prizes will range from $5 to $50.

The new cafeteria speakers will be in place, he said, and admission is free.

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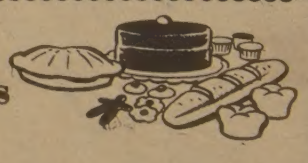

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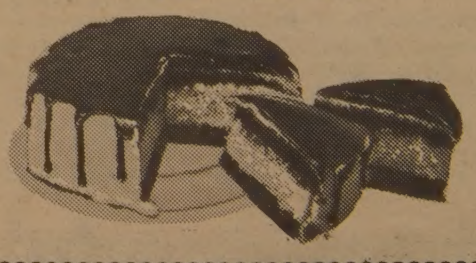

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Symphony plays at Brock

The Niagara Symphony Orchestra performed a diversified, exhilarating concert at Brock University Centre for the Arts Jan. 26.

Conducted by Leonard Atherton, the orchestra opened the program with Handel's Concerto Grosso Op. 3, No. 2, followed by Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G major. The concert concluded with Bachianas Brasilieras No. 5 by Villa Lobos and one of Mozart's last pieces written, Symphony No. 40 in G Minor.

The orchestra's full complement of 38 pieces played Mozart's symphony, which he wrote during a decline in material prosperity in the summer of 1788. The Symphony was written for a concert to be held in Vienna which never took place, but the way in which it was played revealed the intensity of emotion which must have seethed through Mozart at the time.

CHANGE OF PACE

The first movement started out with extreme speed and settled into a walking pace before progressing to a light and fast dance rhythm in the last two movements. The orchestra effectively used counterpoint to heighten the intensity of the piece. Counterpoint is the interweaving of different melodies underneath a top melody, with both of them blending together at certain points.

This piece was performed after the intermission and the audience seemed to know this was the highlight of the evening for its ranks swelled to fill the theatre after the intermission.

In Bachianas Brasilieras No. 5, the orchestra was reduced to eight cellos which accompanied soprano Rose Bandi as she used her voice as an instrument in the opening movement to sing a wordless melodic line.

The brief middle part of this movement did contain words, a Portuguese poem about the moon, but the wordless melody returned at the end, hummed this time by Mrs. Bandi.

COMBINES WORK

Brazilian composer Villa Lobos combined knowledge of the symetrical balanced work of Bach with the native folkloric dance beat of the north-eastern region of Brazil, which is in the foreground of the second and final movement.

Translated from Portuguese, the symphony is entitled "Brazilian pieces in the manner of Bach."

Mrs. Bandi, a singer with marvellous control, received two well-deserved rounds of applause from the appreciative audience. She has made solo appearances with the New York Symphony, the Buffalo Philharmonic and the Hamilton Philharmonic.

RTV 'heavily involved' in election coverage

While most students get no closer to a federal election than a trip to the polling station, third-year radio and television (RTV) students will be directly involved this year, feeding local election coverage directly to CHCH-TV in Hamilton.

Third-year television students, under the direction of RTV instructor Paul Davoud, will set up the college's mobile television van at the headquarters of the St. Catharine's Progressive Conservative candidate Joe Reid on election night, Feb. 18, and transmit live coverage to CHCH-TV, Channel 11.

Five or six second and third year students will be employed by the television station to feed reports from various local returning offices in the area to the central computer for tabulation.

The students "will be quite heavily involved," Larry Taylor, co-ordinator of RTV, said.

They will be working on the production end of it, using the college's equipment to feed a signal to CHCH-TV by Bell Telephone microwave for local inserts into the Channel 11 election program.

Mr. Taylor said he and Patti Mcquestion, a third-year student who worked at the station during the summer, will work at the Hamilton studio on the election coverage.

CHCH-TV, which made the request to the radio and television program, usually works "pretty close" with the college during the election time, Mr. Taylor said. Usually they employ students at the returning offices, "but this is the first year we've sent a signal to them."

Talent search begins for Telethon '80

Hey, Niagara. Get your act together, because Telethon '80 is looking for you!

The talent search has begun once again for the third annual radio and television (RTV) program's Niagara Peninsula Crippled Children's Telethon, March 29-30.

"Anyone who feels they have some kind of talent, and feels they would like to contribute" is encouraged to contact the organizers of the event, Heather Craig, talent co-ordinator, said.

"We're looking for almost anything," from anywhere, she said, local, peninsula, out-of-town, as well as college talent.

The second-year RTV students involved in producing the 24-hour event, under the direction of Sindy Lupul, second year RTV and associate producer Dominic Amendolia, first-year, have been planning since last year, Heather said.

First and third-year students will be involved, but "not to the same extent."

Work on the show, to be broadcast live from the college cafeteria over Armstrong and MacLean-Hunter cable television, is on a volunteer basis, and the telethon will follow basically the same format as last year's show, which raised $15,000 in pledges, she said.

Posters and press releases have gone out to the college, the city's high schools, and former participants to solicit talent for the telethon, and though she expects to have a good response from last year's performers, "we want new people, too."

Anyone interested is asked to call the telethon office at 735-2211, ext. 253.

DID YOU KNOW?

Nancy Greene of Rossland, B.C., won the world skiing championship in 1967. The following year she was awarded a gold medal and a silver medal at the Winter Olympic Games in Grenoble, France.

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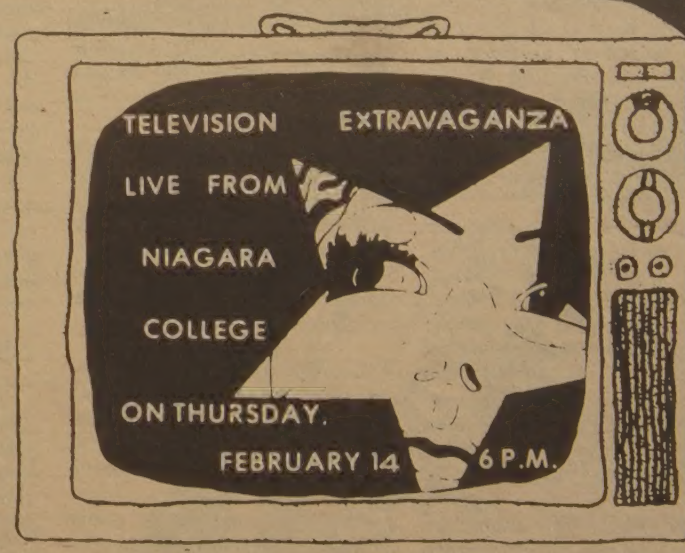

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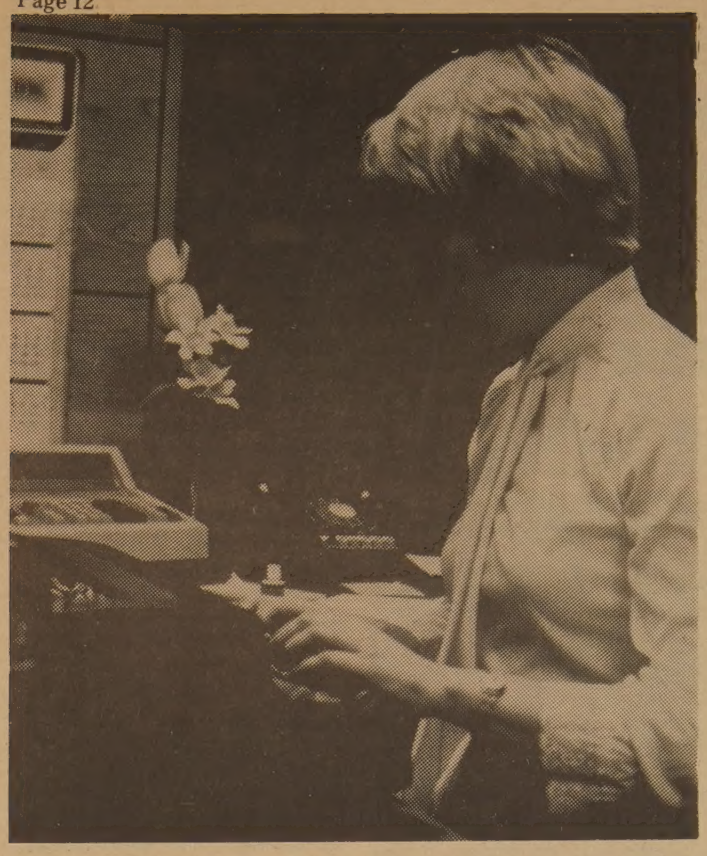


It's back to the business of being a student for Joan Warbis, dicta-typist, who spent the past two weeks on work experience.
(Photo by Shafer)

Practical experience for secretarial arts

Following an eye-opening two weeks of practical work experience, secretarial arts students are back to classes as usual today.

Margaret Freeman, secretarial, legal and economic studies chairman, said all secretarial arts students in their graduating year are placed on work experience for two weeks in their last term "to give them a chance to see what it's really like out there and hopefully to make contacts for jobs when they graduate."

The students were placed in business, industry, hospitals, schools and regional government offices during the two-week period.

Upon returning to regular classes, the students will be asked to submit written reports on their experiences. The employers submit student comment sheets.

"Most of the students find their work experience to be an eye-opener. Their comments are usually very positive."

Committee on handicapped wants to improve facilities

By JOANNE DELEEUW
Staff Writer

In the daily rush to get to classes on time, little notice is taken of the special problems of the handicapped students at the college.

However, after the need was revealed, an ad hoc Committee on the Handicapped, instigated by I. John Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, has been set up to look into the ways the college's facilities for the students can be improved.

Representatives from all the college's branches and schools make up the 14-member committee which met in November and January.

"It was time we looked at the whole picture to see if we could make improvements in facilities and services offered," Mr. Giancarlo said.

It is "not a continuing committee" and has "done most of its work" in presenting a series of recommendations to Jacqueline Robarts, college president, based on the reports by the representatives from the various schools, and the Student Administrative Council (SAC).

MADE SUGGESTIONS

In part of a draft statement under consideration by the college, the committee suggested handicapped students on disability allowance be admitted to Continuing Education courses for a set fee of $7, and course credits be given to students helping the handicapped as part of their class-related projects, such as the Educational Resources Technician (ERT) students.

In addition, Miss Robarts said, all permanent facilities, such as elevators and ramps, recommended by the representatives will be considered in building reconstruction plans for next year.

The committee has no handicapped students on it because it was left entirely up to the supervisors to select representatives from the various areas in the college, and "we wanted to involve faculty and staff" to "make recommendations," Mr. Giancarlo said.

The college has four handicapped students, including one blind student, and though the newer parts of the college "have incorporated facilities that are required for the handicapped, in some areas it is a bit difficult," he said.

NO PROVISIONS

The Welland Vale campus, which is a renovated factory, has no provision for the handicapped, which is not a problem right now since there are no disabled students enrolled, but "it could be."

Last term, the 12 students enrolled in the Continuing Education course, Art for the Handicapped, were provided with return transportation to the college by a specially designed bus rented from the Ability Centre for $10 per round trip.

Though permanent ramps have been built in the Simcoe-Merritt complex, the carpeting on most of the ramps presents a traction problem for wheelchair users, and in the resource centre the students are limited to the first level only.

A number of recommendations were made by the individual members of the committee, including the need for special washroom facilities, which exist only in the Simcoe-Merritt complex, access to all levels in the library should be made available, ramps into all buildings should be made permanent, and a soundproof area in the resource centre is needed for use by blind students to listen to tapes.

WANTS EQUIPMENT

The committee has made an appeal to the Atkinson Charitable Foundation requesting a motorized wheel chair and a braille typewriter, Mr. Giancarlo said.

Jim Walters, SAC president said the council will sponsor a Monte Carlo Night Feb. 12 with proceeds going towards handicapped students.

"A great deal of credit is due to faculty members and the staff in the library and students who have given their support to assist the handicapped in the college," Mr. Giancarlo said.

Seminar educates stewards

Through the efforts of Niagara College personnel and area steel worker supervisors, the "Back to the Locals" seminar held at the main campus Jan. 22-23 was a success for the 80 people who attended.

John Ciolfi, one of the instructors, said the program is designed to educate local stewards and give them new education about handling plant problems.

Vice-president of local 200 and chief steward, Mr. Ciolfi said the steward's job is to handle grievances or disputes between management and the employees' rights.

Stewart Cook, director of district six of the United Steel Workers of America (USWA), who was supposed to speak to the members, failed to show up because of a commitment that cropped up at the last second.

"He just plain let us down," Eric Robinson said. However through the efforts of Mr. Robinson and Alexander Sharp, the area supervisor, the seminar went smoothly.

Mr. Robinson, chairman of the labor management studies for Niagara College, said the college provided shop space, classrooms and teaching aids for the 80 people who attended.

The groundwork for the "Back to the Locals" program was laid down by Mr. Cook and Gerald Cocquier, national director of the United Steel Workers, who drew up a basic policy for the stewards to follow.

Mr. Ciolfi said there was a big request for the program by the stewards and the workers, because many did not know how to write up grievances properly or decide whether a grievance should be heard.

"The program is designed to make stewards better stewards and more effective in the workshop," he said.

Mr. Ciolfi said the program has been very successful and from the feedback he has seen, the people involved said the program was beneficial and good.

Alcohol education

Breathalyzer at pub?

Don't be surprised in the next couple of weeks if you see a breathalyzer at pub night or a computer in the library to measure blood-alcohol level.

It would be part of the community education program on drinking and driving which Heather Lee Kilty, community consultant for the Addiction Research Foundation, suggested to law and security students Feb. 3 in the Hamilton Room.

Ms. Kilty, a graduate of the college's social services program, worked with the old Welland Youth Bureau "on the streets," trying to curb local drug abuse. But as public relation consultant for the new RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) program, she is chiefly concerned with the fact that "alcohol, mixed with you and driving, is dangerous."

"There were 52 automobile accident fatalities in the Niagara Region last year, and 50 per cent of them involved impaired driving," she said.

She is trying to change the relationship between enforcement and education and make people aware of the laws concerning impaired driving.

Public oriented

"My goal in this RIDE program is very public oriented. I don't want to see charges go up."

The nature of the program is to make the spot check cars visible, giving a drinker the choice of getting behind the wheel or waiting until the safe driving level of 0.5 blood-alcohol ratio is reached, she said.

"Even if you hate RIDE and you hate police, you'll talk about it and more people will become knowledgable about the program's objectives."

Educating the public as to how alcohol affects a driver's judgment is not enough because "people make decisions on drugs with feelings, not just with facts. So people do have to believe their chances of getting caught are going up."

Some drivers rationalize they can drive while impaired. Each time they drive and drink, the feeling they can handle it is reinforced and they believe RIDE is not for them.

They may say, "How many cruisers can there be in the Niagara Peninsula" and then turn the key, she said.

But alcohol affects reflexes, judgment and perception. Reflexes are 2/5s of a second slower after a few drinks. The driver's judgment about himself and road conditions is altered. A driver does not make as many visual scans, and is too busy concentrating on staying safe on the road and avoiding police detection to drive effectively, she said.

Psychology instructor Jan Potton said her class requested that a breathalyzer and computer be brought into the school so they would be able to determine how alcohol would affect them individually.

Psychology instructor Bruce Tallon brought the computer to the college last year. In that session Seagrams Distilleries provided liquor and after each drink the volunteer, having fed his weight, height, age and other information into the computer, could determine his own rate of absorption of alcohol into the bloodstream and monitor the changes in his body as he drank.

Subtle changes

Ms. Kilty said the breathalyzer and computer make one aware of the more subtle signs of impairment. Not everyone reaches the 0.5 impairment level at the same rate.

Some of the concern raised about RIDE is legitimate and everyone should examine it for flaws which any new program starting out for the first time is bound to contain, she said.

Ms. Kilty said she trained 24 policemen for three days on public education and relations, which should help them adjust to the new program, too.

"It takes time to reverse the process (their whole training is to look for people to charge) but some of them are good communicators."

'It's just a stage,' seminar on teens

As part of a class project, the second-year social services students are presenting an all-day workshop on adolescence to promote understanding of its stages and conflicts.

Speaking during the workshop to be held March 6 at Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Thorold, will be Pat and Murry Wood, who teach a course in Toronto called Living with Teens and Surviving.

Chris Vigars, a social services student, said the 26 members of the program have been working on the project, a requirement for graduation, since October arranging for speakers, location and food.

A survey listing seven seminar topics was sent to agencies and 75 per cent of the agencies which returned them chose the adolescence topic.

The students hope to have 100 people attend.

A $9 registration fee is charged to attend the workshop and luncheon. Registration forms are available in the social services office.

The workshop will begin at 8:45 a.m. when people sign in. Mr. and Mrs. wood will speak from 9:30 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 p.m.-4:00.

William Dunbar, the crossing guard on Rice Road, makes sure Debbie Augusitino has no trouble getting across the road on her way to school on a chilly Wednesday morning. (Photo by David)

Local crossing guard extensive traveller

By JIM DAVID
Staff Writer

Belfast is a long way from Welland, but after 46 years of working steadily and seeing a lot of the world, 74-year-old William Dunbar finds working as the crossing guard at Rice Road "takes up the day."

Working about five hours a day, no matter what the weather, Mr. Dunbar said he enjoys working with the kids he sees everyday.

A crossing guard for seven years, Mr. Dunbar worked for the Board of Education as head custodian for 10 years and saw the openings of the Eastdale and Centennial schools.

"I don't have any hobbies and I'm not fond of gardening or painting, but being a crossing guard takes up the day and it is a chance to get out of the house," he said.

World traveller

Born in Belfast, he went by ship to Australia in 1924 to work and saw Cape Town, India, Malta and the south of France before moving back to London.

"If you want to see something, the only way to travel is by ship," he said.

While in London he worked for E. Leonard and Son, Boiler Maker, on York St., but left them to work for the Hotel London in the power-house.

"It is kind of nice to see a lot of the world, it gives you a better insight to what is going on," Mr. Dunbar said.

When the war started he spent four years in the air force as a maintenance man, before moving to Welland after the service.

In Welland, Mr. Dunbar got a job at the United Steel Corporation and sent for his wife and family who were still in London. He worked there for 10 years, but quit when the company moved to Toronto and started to work for the school board.

"I never liked Toronto then and I still don't," he said.

Likes the 'kids'

On snowy days, his shiny hat, his mitts, and vest are the first things seen as he stands in the middle of the street, stop sign held high, talking to the kids as they go by.

"The kids are all good. Just give them your co-operation and treat them right and not like itsy bitsy kids, and everything will be fine," Mr. Dunbar said.

A crossing guard for seven years, Mr. Dunbar has worked at most of the schools in Welland.

"Being a crossing guard occupies your time. You can't work 46 years steady then sit down in the house, it's no good."

"If you enjoy what you are doing and work at it, you can be happy," Mr. Dunbar said.

A person who is working looks forward more to the weekend and the holidays, he said.

Rainbow pub nights

Hotel and restaurant students at the Rainbow Centre in Niagara Falls hold their own pub nights — and very successfully.

The reason for the profit-making pubs is "we do everything ourselves; we even found a guy on campus who will be our disc-jockey."

3 word processors at NC

By GAIL SHAFER
Staff Writer

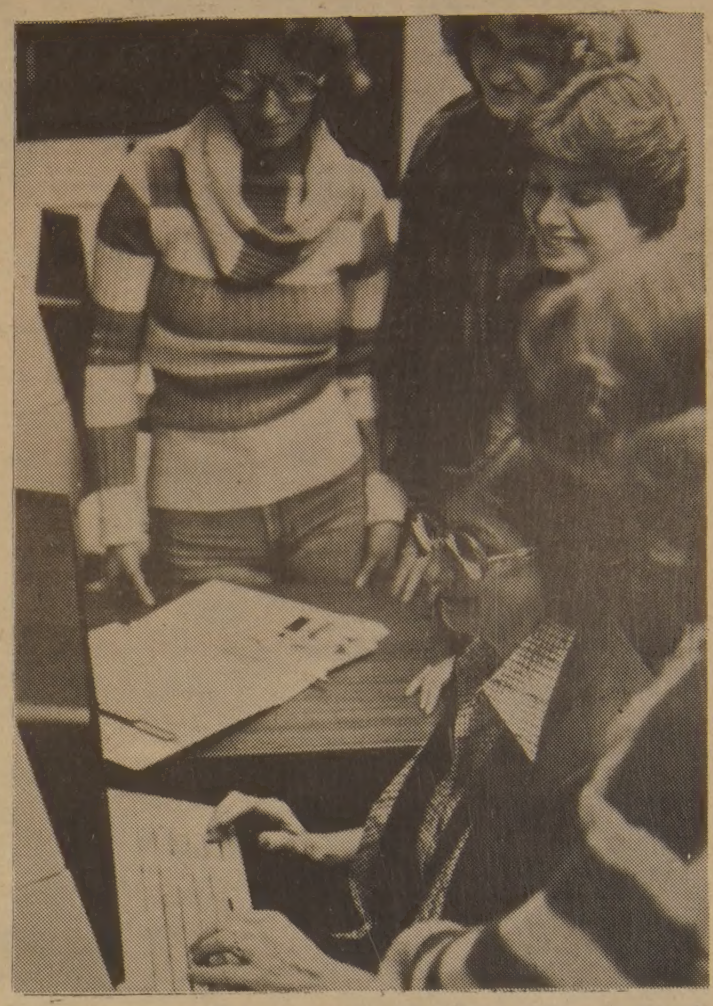
Word processors, the first major improvement in office efficiency since typewriters, are now available to Niagara College secretarial services students.

Margaret Freeman, secretarial, legal and economic studies chairman, said word processing is "the office revolution. It's the first major improvement in office efficiency in 100 years."

She described word processing as "the extremely rapid production of copy from the originator to the recipient with the use of micro-computers, optical character readers, rapid printers and photo-compositor equipment."

Three word processors were set up in the secretarial services area Feb. 1 for the rest of the term and, if the budget is approved, five more will be proposed for September, a total of eight. The college rents the processors at a cost of about $450 a month for each as the purchase cost is so high, about $15,000 each, Mrs. Freeman said.

Word processors take the place of a boss dictating to a secretary and the secretary in turn typing out the dictation notes, and then making corrections. In word processing, dictation is made into a machine and the secretary listens to the dictation and types it onto the television-like screen of the word processor.



Medical records and dicta-typist students learn to operate a word processor. (Photo by Shafer)

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The processor decides the paper margins and automatically knows when a page is filled and continues the copy on the next page. The secretary is able to make corrections in the copy while it appears on the screen. The copy is then printed out on a rapid printer at the rate of 540 words per minute.

Mrs. Freeman said the processor takes less typing time and much less error correction time. "Repetitive work can be done 10 times faster than on a regular typewriter and dissimilar material can be produced twice as fast."

She said word processing replaces the typewriter, any kind of photo-copying equipment and can be hooked up to a photo-compositor machine to produce the pages of a book.

Although each word processing station cost $15,000 as opposed to $3,000 for a normal secretarial station, Mrs. Freeman said, "The savings in the end are tremendous because of increased capabilities."

Medical records students and medical dicta-typist students are learning how to operate the processors this term. Next fall all graduating secretarial services students will be taught how to operate the processors.

Mrs. Freeman said it takes about two days to learn how to handle the basics of the machine.

She said the implementation and operation of word processors are freeing office staff to do more administrative functions.

2 youths charged in thefts

By PETER BENNER
Staff Writer

Thieves, believed to be local Welland youths, may have been responsible for a rash of vending machine break-ins in the Simcoe building and cafeteria last month.

Jim Fannon, St. Catharines manager of Niagara Frontier Caterers, said the milk machine was broken into last Monday and it and other machines pilfered five times in mid-January.

Constable Martin Courage of the Niagara Regional Police said two youths had been charged two weeks ago Thursday in connection with some of the earlier thefts and that they have yet to appear before the courts. Since the suspects are juveniles, their names cannot be published. Both attend local high schools, he said.

Ensign Security guard Hilda Fraser noticed the door of the machine was open when she first made her rounds at 5:45 p.m. She said she is required to phone the caterers first, who in turn contact police.

Mr. Fannon said up until last Monday's incident the total loss from these thefts, including damage and removal of the cash box, has been $650.

Mr. Fannon said it costs $35 just to bring a serviceman down to fix the vending machines. Cash box replacements are $15 and new fasteners must be installed.

Mr. Fannon noted there were "too many doors open" on the first floor of the Simcoe building and chances of theft might be reduced if more of them were closed earlier.

Linda Binder, second-year fashion arts student, feels these thefts are "costing the students money."

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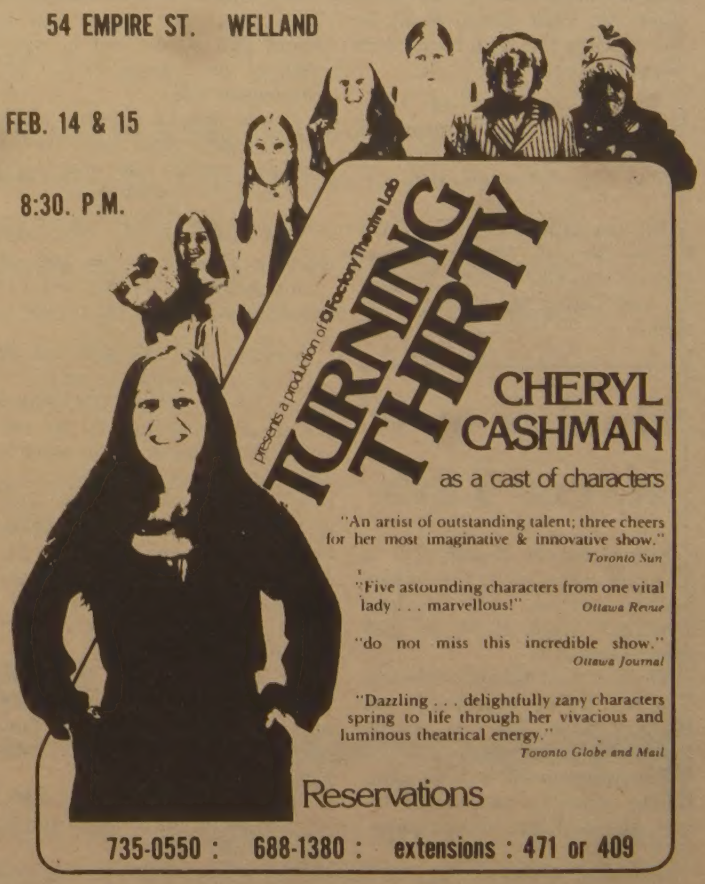
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Carrie Metcalfe of the Niagara Knights looks through a wall of St. Clair players as she searches for someone to pass to in a game played at Niagara College Feb. 2. (Photo by David)

Niagara Knights' Bruno Couloigner reaches high for the basket after finally breaking away from D'Youville players. The Knights lost the game to D'Youville 65-51. (Photo by Shafer)

Team's best effort to date 'looks great in defeat'

By JIM DAVID
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights women's basketball team "looked great in defeat" as they lost to St. Clair 56-55 in an exciting ball game played in Welland Feb. 2.

Coach Russell Stevenson said it was one of the best games the team has played in years and it was their best effort to date.

At the end of the first half, Niagara was leading the first-place St. Clair team 34-29 by out-hustling the visitors in every area of the court.

"It was an excellent team effort and I am really proud of the team; we looked great in defeat," Mr. Stevenson said.

Top scorers for Niagara were Frances Russell, 18 points; Carolyn St. Angelo, 11; Lisa Furgal, 10, and Carrie Metcalfe had 10 points.

"I saw St. Clair play against Mohawk before they came to Niagara, so I knew what they were going to do," Mr. Stevenson said.

St. Clair is the only undefeated team in the league.

The second-half started with the same intensity that carried both teams through the first, but Niagara was a little flat at the start and St. Clair moved up by five points.

"We had a five or six-minute lapse and they moved up by about five points and it was a case of us coming back," Mr. Stevenson said.

In the last 10 minutes of the game, both teams kept trading baskets and St. Clair was trying to keep a three point lead.

Top scorer for St. Clair was Debbie Cowgill, who had 30 points and is the leading scorer in the league.

Niagara tied the score at 53 with about a minute to go in the game, but St. Clair was awarded a foul shot, moving up by one point and a basket a few seconds later made the score 56-53.

Niagara scored a basket with about 15 seconds remaining in the game and tried to press St. Clair into making a turn-over, but the buzzer ended the game.

"St. Clair didn't outplay us," Mr. Stevenson said.

Mr. Stevenson said the team seems to get up for the big games and down for the unimportant ones, but now they must win their last four games.

"If we win the last four games, we will be in fourth place and in the play off."

"For a change we had enough people. The extra players made the difference," Mr. Stevenson said.

'Health of it' starts 12th

Fitness for the Health of It, a program arranged by the college health services, will be held tomorrow from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m. in Lundy 1.

The program did not begin last Tuesday, as was reported in the Niagara News. The first session will be held tomorrow.

The program will include counselling, athletics and health topics, Marian Kerr, college nurse, said.

NC-Brock frisbee challenge

Graduates of both Niagara College and Brock University will be flinging frisbees at each other during a "veterans' grudge match" on Wednesday at Brock University.

Heinz Rudnik, former construction engineering student and member of the college team, said the match will be divided into two components--trick shots and then a professional "guts" game. The match will be held at Gymnasium 2 at 8 p.m.

In the "guts" game, each team will wear mouth guards, leather gloves and athletic supports because the frisbee can reach up to 85 mph on impact, he said.

Sixteen yeards will separate the two teams with the five members of each team standing arms-length apart. The frisbee must be caught with one hand. These are International Frisbee Association (IFA) rules, Heinz said.

He said about 10 or 11 members of the college team practise throwing at Montebello Park or Lakeside Park in St. Catharines on weekends and during spare time.

Not enough players

Adds salt to wounds

A pinch of salt was sprinkled in already open wounds Tuesday when the Niagara Knights men's basketball team was defeated by D'Youville 65-51 in exhibition play.

Coach Dan Radobenko said, "We're hurting because we're not getting enough players out to the practices. This has resulted in a lack of strong offensive and defensive playing."

The end of the first half saw Niagara trailing D'Youville by eight points with the score at 34-26. D'Youville carried a consistent 11-point spread over Niagara during the second half and then went on to win the game with a 14-point spread.

Coach Dave Spiller, D'Youville, said he was pleased with his team's rebounding on defensive goals. "Offensively the team executed the plays a little better than we have in the past."

Coach Radobenko said, "I think the team played fairly well considering the number of players we have." The Niagara team had seven players for the Feb. 5 game - it lost three starters at Christmas.

Niagara's top scorers were Bruno Couloigner with 16 points and Tom Rose with 15 points. Bruno, a team player last term who has left the college, returned to help the team in the exhibition game because two members could not play. Mike Hardy scored 18 points for D'Youville, with Mark Nichols and Pat Callivan each scoring 12.

Ski clinics by Noren at Celebrate Canada

Cross-country ski clinics will be held as part of the Celebrate Canada Festival on Feb. 14, 15 and 16.

The clinics will be instructed by Ivar Noren, a certified member of the Canadian Association of Nordic Ski Instructors (CANSI).

The clinic will be divided into two parts — waxing clinics and skiing techniques.

The waxing clinics will be held Thursday, Feb. 14, and Friday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. in room M-11 of the Mackenzie building. Participants are asked to bring their own skis and wax.

The skiing techniques clinic will be held Saturday, Feb. 16 if weather permits and there is snow in the ground. Times are 9 a.m. — 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. — 3 p.m., and 3 p.m. — 5 p.m. This will be held outside the gymnasium at the Welland campus.

Mr. Noren said he will conduct another waxing clinic and a clinic on skiing equipment and clothing if there is now snow cover.

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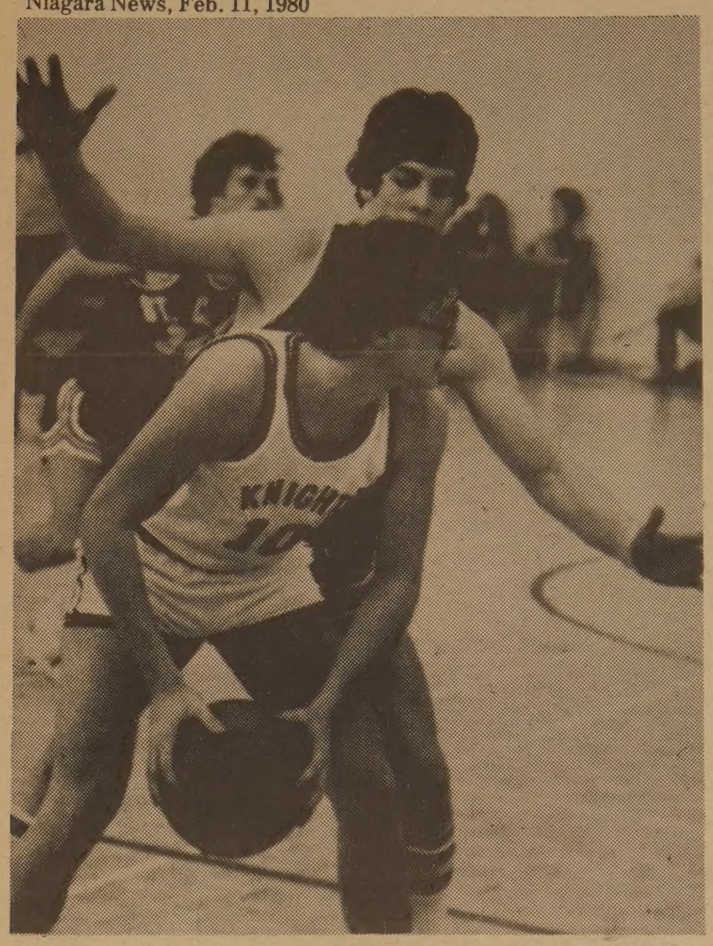

Tom Rose of the Niagara Knights is well covered as he tries to unload a pass to one of his teammates in the St. Clair end. (Photo by David)

New players learn plays on bench, lose to St. Clair

By JIM DAVID
Staff Writer

Learning plays from the bench while the game was on, the Niagara Knights men's basketball team lost 70-35 to the more disciplined St. Clair Saints in Welland on Feb. 2.

Coach Dan Radobenko said he was not too optimistic about the outcome, but his main concern was to keep the score at a "respectable level."

Niagara fell behind 37-16 in the first half to the first-place Saints and, although the Knights were working hard on the court, they could not match the finesse of St. Clair.

"We were definitely beaten by a much better team," Mr. Radobenko said.

"Considering the score, it was an improvement over the last game in Windsor, but turn-overs hurt us and so did working from the bench with new players." Niagara had players in the line up for the game and when the second half started, the Knights could only try to make the final score "respectable."

Top scorers for Niagara were Wilf Muller, 10 points, Dave Patterson, eight and Joe Baldinelli with six.

With about 15 minutes left in the game, Muller was sent to the showers for "discipinary measures" by the coach after he had received a technical foul.

Then with 3:07 remaining, Tony Cabras fouled out, leaving the Knights with only five players to finish the game.

The Knights showed brief flashes of offence and defence, but Mr. Radobenko said they were hurt by inconsistency and "individualistic efforts" at times.

"St. Clair is a much better team than Niagara," Mr. Radobenko said. "They are bigger, stronger and they practice a lot more."

"The team is trying, but I am a systematic coach and they have to learn the system to be effective," he said.

There are 10 players on the roster, Mr. Radobenko said, but five or six players don't show up for practices, which ruins any attempt to run a proper practice and that hurts the team.

The Knights have three games left and Mr. Radobenko said the team is just finishing out the season.

"I would expect to lose the last three games, unless we are playing some of the lesser teams, but we are not," Mr. Radobenko said.

Sports shorts

3 players go to Toronto for finals

Three of Niagara College's badminton players will attend the Ontario College Athletic Association's (OCAA) badminton finals in Toronto Feb. 22 and 23 at Seneca College.

Lambton College won the ladies singles regionals, but Niagara's Sue Biederman placed second. All first and second place winners will compete at the OCAA finals.

Mixed doubles were won by St. Clair College with Dave Lovie and Donna Elecko placing second.

Overall, Niagara placed fourth with 29 points.

"Our team has a good chance of winning," Fred Bassi, of athletics and recreation, said.

Sue, an ambulance and emergency care student, said she planned to practise and train to get herself in better condition "to last longer out on the court."

"I expect very strong competition and will try my best."

SAC sponsors skiing trip to Holiday Valley

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) is sponsoring a ski trip to Holiday Valley in New York this Wednesday.

At a cost of $1.50 (Canadian) per student, bus fare, lift ticket and ski instruction is included. Tickets can be purchased in the SAC office.

The bus leaves the college at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, and leaves from Holiday Valley at 10:30 p.m.

Niagara's mixed and men's curling rinks were represented at the Hap Holman bonspiel held at Brantford Golf and Country Club on Feb. 3. Here, Keith Neve sweeps the ice for Jim Muileboom's rock to glide smoothly to the end house. (Photo by Stokes)

IEEE executive elections for 1980-81

The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) held its 1980-81 elections Thursday in the Secord room.

Replacing this year's chairman, John Kuchyt, is Robert Bilinsky, who won by one vote over Paul Murphy, both in second-year computer technology.

The vice-chairman's position, held by Mike Gruhl, was won by Ron Veeneman. He won by two votes over Paul Murphy and Brian Guys.

Brian Thiessen from second-year electronic technology was elected by acclamation to the position of secretary held by Jeff Davis.

Dino Ruscitti was elected treasurer with 17 votes. Kevin Novesel had seven and Jim Corkum, four. Dino is taking over for Mike Hrycyshyn.

Election of a chairman for the IEEE computer chapter society branch was deferred until the fall of 1980 when more members would be available to vote.

Ted Manning, this year's chairman, said a membership drive next term would probably bring more than one computer society member out to vote.

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Canadian author, poet, playwright Earle Birney reads his own works - Friday at 12 noon.

Multicultural Evening: Thursday 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm ... choirs, dance troupes, jazz band and folksinger Lise Lavalle.

Carousel Players Present "Earth Song" ... A play for children - Saturday at 1:00 pm.

Arts and Crafts Show: Daily - Thursday 8:30 am to 10:30 pm ... Friday 8:30 am to 9:30 pm ... Saturday 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Feature Film: "Who Has Seen the Wind" - Thursday at 12:15 pm ... plus an open seminar at 7:00 pm with Canadian film-makers Alan King and Clay Boris.

Royal Ontario Museum conducts a "Treasure Identification Clinic" - Saturday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Bring your antiques, china, glassware, small furnishings, etc. for appraisal.

Chess Tournament: Challenge Match ... Zarko Petrovich will play 20 opponents simultaneously - Friday at 1:00 pm.

Cable TV Extravaganza: Broadcast live from Niagara College - Thursday from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Niagara Symphony: A tradition with our festival - roving ensembles and an open rehearsal on Friday at 7:45 pm with the Clan MacFarlane Pipe Band.

"Playwrighting in Canada" with Carol Bolt - Friday at 10:00 am.

"1984" - A dramatic adaptation of Orwell's classic with Toronto actor Santo Cervello - Thursday at 2:30 pm.

Duplicate Bridge Tournament: Friday evening from 7:30 pm.

Hennepin Art Gallery presents artist Barbara Astman and her work.

CANADIANA FASHION SHOW - FRI· AT 12 noon and 7:30 p.m., Hamilton Room

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